



**Columbia County Board of Commissioners Meeting
Minutes of Tuesday, February 4, 2025 at 6:00 PM
Evans Government Center Auditorium, Evans, Georgia**

Present at the meeting included:

Chairman Douglas R. Duncan, Jr.
Vice Chairman Alison G. Couch
Commissioner Connie M. Melear
Commissioner James E. Allen, III
Commissioner Michael W. Carraway
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 7:30 p.m.

B. INVOCATION

The invocation was held at the prior meeting.

C. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was held at the prior meeting.

D. ROLL CALL / QUORUM

Chairman Duncan declared a quorum with five Commissioners present.

E. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

(E1) January 21, 2025 Commission

(E2) January 21, 2025 Public Hearing on HB 581

(E3) January 28, 2025 Public Hearing on HB 581

Commissioner Melear made a motion to approve the January 21, 2025 Commission, January 21, 2025 Public Hearing and January 28, 2025 Public Hearing minutes as presented. Vice Chair Couch seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

F. PRESENTATION AND APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

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

(H1) Community and Emergency Services Committee

(H1a) Appointment of Amanda Hullum to the Library Advisory Board and the Greater Clarks Hill Regional Library Board

Approved the appointment of Amanda Hullum to the Library Advisory Board and the Greater Clarks Hills Regional Library Board.

(H1b) USSSA Baseball 2025 Tournament Hosting Services Agreement with Gameday JJ, LLC.

Approved the USSSA Baseball 2025 Tournament Hosting Services Agreement with Gameday JJ, LLC.

(H1c) Reclassification of a Part Time Facility Attendant to a Full Time Facility Coordinator at Patriots Park Gym

Approved the reclassification of a part time facility attendant grade 10 to a full time facility coordinator, grade 20 \$21.27 per hour, at Patriots Park Gym.

(H1d) Animal Services Donations

Approved the acceptance of Animal Services donations of \$1,700 for the needs of the animals in their care; 2250301.433019.01713.

(H2) Public Works and Engineering Services Committee

(H2a) Award Bid# 2024031-BID5100 and Contract to Blair Construction, Inc. for the Little Kiokee Creek Gravity Sewer South

Approved awarding the bid and contract to Blair Construction, Inc. for the Little Kiokee Creek gravity sewer south project in the amount of \$2,693,054.28; 57037.25.015.690.

(H2b) Contract with American Pipeline Solutions for the Waterline Cleaning Project

Approved a contract with American Pipeline Solutions for the waterline cleaning project in the amount of \$245,241; 511.5125.533035.

(H2c) Independent Contractor Agreement with Cranston, LLC. for Reed Creek Streambank Stabilization

Approved an Independent Contractor Agreement with Cranston, LLC. for Reed Creek streambank stabilization in the amount of \$39,570; 57037.25.015.697.

(H2d) Georgia Department of Transportation Quitclaim Deed and Maintenance Agreement for portions of Parcel 77 (PI No 250600) on the Flowing Wells Rd Widening Project

Approved a quitclaim deed and maintenance agreement with Georgia Department of Transportation for portions of parcel 77 (PI No 250600) on Flowing Wells Road widening project.

(H2e) Resolution 25-01 and Project Delivery Agreement with GDOT for TIA2 Group 5 Resurfacing

Approved Resolution 25-01 and Project Delivery Agreement with Georgia Department of Transportation for TIA2 Group 5 resurfacing.

(H2f) Independent Contractor Agreement with Pond & Company for Plan Review Services associated with the Hereford Farm Rd Widening Project

Approved an Independent Contractor Agreement with Pond & Company for plan review services associated with the Hereford Farm Road widening project in the amount of \$38,520; 91306.27.050.970.

(H2g) Project Framework Agreement with GDOT for Wrightsboro Rd Widening Preliminary Engineering Phase

Approved the Project Framework Agreement with Georgia Department of Transportation for Wrightsboro Road widening preliminary engineering phase in the amount of \$2,815,000.

(H2h) Construction Agreement with Reeves Construction for Old Washington Road Repairs

Approved awarding Bid Number 2024032-BID3313 and Construction Agreement to Reeves Construction for Old Washington Road repairs in the amount of \$272,580; 91336.22.015.

(H2i) Conditional License, Custom Roadway Signage, and Maintenance Agreement with The Village at Jones Creek Homeowner's Association

Approved the Conditional License, Custom Roadway Signage, and Maintenance Agreement with the Village at Jones Creek Homeowner's Association.

I. DEBATE AGENDA

(I1) New Business

(I1a) Community and Emergency Services Committee

(I1a1) Resolution 25-02 Amending the Parks and Recreation Facility Rental and Membership Fee Schedule - *First Reading*

Commissioner Carraway made a motion to approve the first reading of Resolution 25-02 Amending the

Parks and Recreation Facility Rental and Membership Fee Schedule. Vice Chair Couch seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

(I1b) Development and Planning Services Committee

(I1b1) VA25-01-01, Variance to Section 90-98 List of lot & structure requirements, 4329 Belair Frontage Road, Tax Map 074 Parcel 094, 1.91 +/- acres, and currently zoned C-2 (General Commercial).

Commissioner Allen made a motion to approve the request for a variance to section 90-98 for property located at tax map 074 parcel 094 to reduce building setbacks to 10 feet from the property line along Belair Frontage Road to accommodate a canopy subject to the following condition:

Planning:

Landscape plan shall be prepared by a licensed landscape architect.

Commissioner Melear 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) G.D. & Mira Ware parcel 067103, \$46,000 to Allie Shearer parcel 067095A, Saeed Faraj parcel 067B012 and Agnes Kirkland parcel 060006C & 060006B to obtain right of way and/or easements for the Hereford Farm Road widening project.

Vice Chair Couch made a motion to approve \$10,500 to G.D. & Mira Ware parcel 067103, \$46,000 to Allie Shearer parcel 067095A, \$10,500 to Saeed Faraj parcel 067B012 and \$55,000 to Agnes Kirkland parcel 060006C & 060006B to obtain right of way and/or easements for the Hereford Farm Road widening project. Commissioner Melear seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

(M1b) Vulcan Lands, Inc. parcel 050045 to obtain additional temporary and permanent easements for the Eucree Creek Force Main Project

Vice Chair Couch made a motion to approve \$3,000 to Vulcan Lands, Inc. parcel 050045 to obtain additional temporary and permanent easements for the Eucree Creek Force Main Project. Commissioner Melear seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

(M1c) Parcels 028027, 028027F and 029024R from the Development Authority of Columbia County to obtain additional temporary and permanent easements for the Eucree Creek Force Main Project.

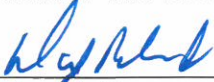
Vice Chair Couch made a motion to accept the donation of a portion of parcel 028027, 028027F and 029024R from the Development Authority of Columbia County to obtain additional temporary and permanent easements for the Eucree Creek Force Main Project. Commissioner Melear seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

(M1d) Vulcan Lands, Inc. parcel 050045 to obtain additional temporary and permanent easements for the Little Kiokee Creek Sewer Project.

Vice Chair Couch made a motion to approve \$4,000 to Vulcan Lands, Inc. parcel 050045 to obtain additional temporary and permanent easements for the Little Kiokee Creek Sewer Project. Commissioner Melear seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

N. ADJOURNMENT

Vice Chair Couch made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:36 p.m. Commissioner Melear seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.



Douglas R. Duncan, Jr., Chairman



Patrice R. Crawley, County Clerk