



**Columbia County Board of Commissioners Meeting
Minutes of Tuesday, April 15, 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 Clerk Patrice R. Crawley

Division Directors:

Scott Sterling – Planning Services
Paul Scarbary - Development Services
John Luton - Community Services
Chief Jeremy Wallen - Fire Services
Michael Blanchard - Technology Services

County Staff

Members of the Media and Public

A. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Duncan called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m.

B. INVOCATION

Chairman Duncan 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) April 01, 2025

Commissioner Melear made a motion to approve the April 01, 2025 minutes of the Board of Commissioners meeting 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

(G1) Declaration

(G1a) Proclamation in observance of Loyalty Day on May 1, 2025

Vice Chair Couch presented to the VFW Post 12190 a proclamation to observe May 01, 2025 as Loyalty Day in Columbia County.

H. CONSENT AGENDA

I. DEBATE AGENDA

(I1) Unfinished Business

(I1a) Public Works and Engineering Services Committee

(I1a1) Change Order Number 1 with M.B. Kahn for the UV-Advanced Oxidation Treatment

Vice Chair Couch made a motion to approve Change Order Number 1 with M.B. Kahn for the UV-Advanced oxidation treatment in the amount of \$386,949.83; 57037.25.015.646. Commissioner Melear seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

(I2) New Business

(I2a) Management and Internal Services Committee

(I2a1) Appointment of Jamie Lester to the Planning Commission

Commissioner Melear made a motion to appoint Jamie Lester to the Planning Commission to fill the vacancy created by the resignation of James Van Meter whose term expires on December 31, 2025. Vice Chair Couch seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

(I2b) Development and Planning Services Committee

(I2b1) Acceptance of Letter of Credit for Kiokee Creek Country Club

Commissioner Allen made a motion to accept the letter of credit for Kiokee Creek Country Club infrastructure improvements at Tax Map 047110 contingent upon staff's approval. Commissioner Carraway 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

(L1) Mike Mills to speak on growth and infrastructure in Columbia County.

Mike Mills stated his thoughts on the growth and infrastructure in Columbia County.

(L2) Marlena Bergeron

Marlena Bergeron stated her thoughts on the County Library.

M. EXECUTIVE SESSION

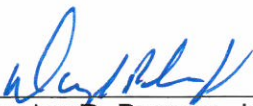
(M1) Property

(M1a) Aimee Lim & Jody Stafford parcel 072235, Joel & Christina Weathersbee parcel 072162E, Cindy & Don Weathersbee parcel 072162F and Hereford Oaks Homeowners Association, Inc. parcels 073002M & 073002N to obtain right of way and/or easements for the Hereford Farm Road widening project.

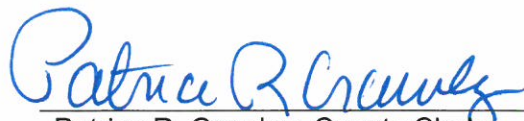
Vice Chair Couch a motion to approve \$6,000 to Aimee Lim & Jody Stafford parcel 072235, \$19,597 to Joel & Christina Weathersbee parcel 072162E, \$25,758 to Cindy & Don Weathersbee parcel 072162F and \$39,200 to Hereford Oaks Homeowners Association, Inc. parcels 073002M & 073002N to obtain right of way and/or easements for the Hereford Farm Road widening project. Commissioner Melear seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

N. ADJOURNMENT

Vice Chair Couch made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:25 p.m. Commissioner Carraway seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.



Douglas R. Duncan, Jr., Chairman



Patrice R. Crawley, County Clerk