



Columbia County Planning Commission
June 4, 2026 at 6:00 PM
Evans Government Center Auditorium
Evans, Georgia

Present at the meeting included:

Chairman Mark Moody
Vice-Chairman Emory Holloway
Commissioner Jamie Lester
Commissioner Russell Wilder

Scott Sterling, Division Director
Will Butler, Planning Manager
Lindsay Mixon, Executive Assistant
Members of the Public

A. CALL TO ORDER

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

B. INVOCATION

Commissioner Wilder gave the invocation.

C. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Commissioner Lester led the pledge to the American Flag.

D. ROLL CALL / QUORUM

Chairman Moody declared a quorum with 4 Commissioners present (80% Quorum).
Commissioner Cato was absent

E. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

(E1) May 21st, 2026

Vice-Chairman Holloway made a motion to approve the May 21st, 2026 meeting minutes. Commissioner Lester seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

F. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Vice-Chairman Holloway made a motion to add the final plats for Highland Lakes West Section II and Wrights Farm Section IV lots 285-307 and to approve the June 4th, 2026 Agenda. Commissioner Wilder seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

G. PRESENTATION

H. DEBATE AGENDA

1. New Business

a. Massage Operator's License

- 1. (H1a1) Massage Operator's License for Island Wellness Massage LLC, 120 N Belair Road, Tax Map 073C Parcel 053. Massage at premise address and mobile massage services.**

Staff member Will Butler presented the staff recommendation.

Commissioner Wilder made a motion to approve of the Massage Operator's License for Island Wellness Massage LLC, 120 N Belair Road, Tax Map 073C Parcel 053. Massage at premise address and mobile massage services. Commissioner Lester seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

b. Final Plat

1. **(H1b1) Highland Lakes West Section II**, 92 lots, Off William Few Parkway, Portion of Tax Map 060 Parcel 1767, 43.12 +/- acres, and currently zoned R-2 (Single Family Residential).

Staff member Will Butler presented the staff recommendation.

Vice-Chairman Holloway made a motion to approve the final plat for Highland Lakes West Section II, 92 lots, Off William Few Parkway, Portion of Tax Map 060 Parcel 1767, 43.12 +/- acres, and currently zoned R-2 (Single Family Residential). Commissioner Lester seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

2. **(H1b2) Wrights Farm Section IV Lots 285-307**, 23 lots, Off Reynolds Road, Tax Map 075 Parcel 098B, 14.2 +/- acres, and currently zoned PUD (Planned Unit Development).

Staff member Will Butler presented the staff recommendation.

Commissioner Wilder made a motion to approve the final plat for Wrights Farm Section IV lots 285 - 307, 23 lots, Off Reynolds Road, Tax Map 075 Parcel 098B, 14.2 +/- acres, and currently zoned PUD (Planned Unit Development). Commissioner Lester seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

c. Public Hearing

1. **(H1c1) Temporary Use Authorization**, 1003 Robert Moore Rd, Tax Map 031A Parcel 019, 1.13 +/- acres, and currently zoned R-A (Residential Agricultural).

Staff member Will Butler presented the staff recommendation.

Chairman Moody opened the public hearing at 6:07PM.

Applicant, Fortino Gutierrez, 1003 Robert Moore Rd, stated that he doesn't have anywhere else to go if the TUA doesn't get approved. He has the house plans and will try to start working on his house as soon as possible. He stated that he is a contractor and will be building the house himself.

Vice-Chairman Holloway and Commissioner Wilder asked why any progress hasn't been made since his first TUA approval in October of 2024.

The applicant stated that Hurricane Helene caused a setback in getting building materials. He stated that he had purchased the house plans but couldn't receive them due to his phone not working. Since then, they have cleared the property and cleaned it up.

Chairman Moody closed the public hearing at 6:13PM.

Vice-Chairman Holloway made a motion to postpone to the June 18th, 2026 Planning Commission meeting the Temporary Use Authorization, 1003 Robert Moore Rd, Tax Map 031A Parcel 019, 1.13 +/- acres, and currently zoned R-A (Residential Agricultural). Commissioner Lester seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

I. LEGAL MATTERS

J. STAFF AND COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

K. PUBLIC COMMENTS AND PARTICIPATION

There was no further business to discuss; therefore Vice-Chairman Holloway made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:15 p.m. Commissioner Lester seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

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Signature on file
Mark Moody, Chairman

Signature on File
Scott Sterling, Planning Services Director