



**Columbia County Board of Commissioners Meeting
Tuesday, May 4, 2021 at 6:00 PM
Evans Government Center Auditorium, Evans, Georgia**

Present at the meeting included:

Chairman Douglas R. Duncan, Jr.
Vice Chairman Gary L. Richardson
Commissioner Connie M. Melear
Commissioner Donald Skinner, Sr.
Commissioner Dewey G. Galeas
County Manager Scott Johnson
Deputy County Manager Glenn Kennedy
Deputy County Manager Matt Schlachter
County Attorney Chris Driver
County Clerk Patrice R. Crawley

Division Directors:
Paul Scarbary - Development Services
Kyle Titus - Engineering Services
Scott Sterling - Planning Services
John Luton - Community & Leisure Services
Chief 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 6:00 p.m.

B. INVOCATION

Commissioner Galeas 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 20, 2021

Commissioner Skinner made a motion to approve the minutes of the April 20, 2021 Board of Commissioners meeting as presented. Vice Chairman Richardson seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

F. PRESENTATION AND APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Chairman Duncan presented the May 04, 2021 Agenda.

G. SPECIAL RECOGNITION, PRESENTATION, AND / OR DECLARATION

(G1) Presentation

(G1a) Proclamation to US Coast Guard Auxiliary proclaiming May 22 - 28, 2021 as National Safe Boating Week

Commissioner Galeas presented the US Coast Guard Auxiliary Commander Wiggins with a proclamation proclaiming May 22 through 28, 2021 as National Safe Boating Week.

Bob Willis stated his concerns regarding item H2v South Old Belair Road and Old Belair Lane design and item H2x Jackson Heights final plat.

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. Commissioner Skinner seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

(H1) Community and Emergency Services Committee

(H1a) Appointment of Robert Eastman to the Animal Services Advisory Board

Approved the appointment of Robert Eastman to the Animal Services Advisory Board.

(H1b) Brainfuse, Inc. renewal to contract for online tutoring and job assistant services

Approved the renewal of the contract with Brainfuse, Inc. for online tutoring and job assistant services in the amount of \$12,000; 1010832.488007.

(H1c) Simke Tennis Academy- Contract Renewal

Approved the contract renewal with Simke Tennis Academy.

(H1d) Alex Cooper renewal to contract for computer class instructional services for the Columbia County Libraries

Approved the contract renewal with Alex Cooper for computer class instructional services for the Columbia County libraries.

(H1e) The Silver Palm- Contract Renewal

Approved the contract renewal with Silver Palm.

(H1f) Independent Contractor Diane Giddings- Amendment #1 for ceramics instructional services

Approved amendment number one to the independent contractor agreement with Diane Giddings for ceramics instructional services.

(H1g) Columbia County Convention & Visitors Bureau- Renewal #3

Approved renewal #3 of the agreement with the Columbia County Convention & Visitors Bureau for an additional term of one (1) year from July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2022.

(H1h) Concessionaire Agreement with Savannah Rapids Kayak Rental, LLC for Canoe, Kayak and Paddleboard rentals at Savannah Rapids and Wildwood Parks

Approved the concessionaire agreement with Savannah Rapids Kayak Rental, LLC for canoe, kayak and paddleboard rentals at Savannah Rapids and Wildwood Parks.

(H1i) Concessionaire Agreement with Outdoor Augusta, LLC for Canoe, Kayak and Paddleboard Rentals at Riverside Park

Approved the concessionaire agreement with Outdoor Augusta LLC for canoe, kayak and paddleboard rentals at Riverside Park.

(H1j) Ticketmaster Agreement for Columbia County Performing Arts Center

Approved the Ticketmaster Agreement.

(H1k) Renewal of the Fire Services Mutual Aid Agreement with the City of Augusta Consolidated Government.

Approved renewal of the fire services mutual aid agreement with the City of Augusta Consolidated Government.

(H1l) Subscription renewal agreement with Emergency Services Marketing Corp., Inc. for the dispatch paging system.

Approved the subscription renewal agreement with Emergency Services Marketing Corp., Inc. for the dispatch paging system.

(H1m) Renewal with EPR Systems USA, Inc., for Fireworks Software RMS.

Approved the renewal of the agreement with EPR Systems USA, Inc. for the Fireworks Software RMS.

(H1n) Renewal of Contract with Teresa S. Brown for Firefighters Counseling training classes

Approved the renewal contract with Teresa S. Brown for Firefighters Counseling training classes.

(H1o) The purchase of two 2021 Chevrolet Tahoes from the state contract holder, Hardy Chevrolet Fleet Sales for the total amount of \$76,408.00.

Approved the purchase of two 2021 Chevrolet Tahoes from Hardy Chevrolet Fleet Sales in the amount of \$76,408; 2322510-601079.

(H2) Public Works and Engineering Services Committee

(H2a) Programming and Schematic Design Professional Services Agreement with Dickinson Architects for the Building 'A' Replacement Project

Approved the programming and schematic design professional services agreement with Dickinson Architects for the Building A replacement project.

(H2b) Engineering Proposal, Reed Creek Sanitary Sewer IV, Cranston Engineering

Approved the engineering proposal with Cranston Engineering for the Reed Creek Sanitary Sewer IV project in the amount of \$67,570; 57037.25.015.

(H2c) Purchase, P&H Supply Inc., HGAC Resolution #21-07, Sewer Camera

Approved the purchase of a sewer camera from P&H Supply, Inc. in the amount of \$64,856; 511.5130.601081.

(H2d) Bid, Hydra-Stop LLC, Valve Insertion

Approved the purchase of valve insertion from Hydra-Stop LLC. in the amount of \$117,545.10; 511.5125.601081.

(H2e) Assessment of liquidation damages to L&L Utilities for the Greenbrier Forcemain

Approved the assessment of liquidated damages in the amount of \$33,094.43 to L&L Utilities for the Greenbrier Forcemain project.

(H2f) Proposal, American Pipeline Solutions, Ice Pigging

Approved a proposal from American Pipeline Solutions for ice pigging in the amount of \$66,150; 511.5125.533035.

(H2g) Additional Funding, Lay-Down yard, William Few

Approved additional funding for the William Few lay down yard in the amount of \$500,000; 57037.25.015.593.

(H2h) Lease Agreement, Cabot, Porta-Pac

Approved a lease agreement with Cabot for a porta-pac in the amount of \$38,500; 511.5105.533035.

(H2i) Resolution Number 21-11 and 21-19 to increase the speed limit on North Old Belair Rd and William Smith Blvd.

Approved Resolutions Number 21-11 North Old Belair Road and 21-19 William Smith Blvd to increase the speed limit.

(H2j) Chamblin Rd at Canterbury Farms Parkway Traffic Signal

Approved installation of a traffic signal by internal forces in an amount not to exceed \$230,000; 3913913.601015.91302.

(H2k) Change Order #1 with Reeves Construction Company for the Shadowmoor Storm Sewer Improvements

Approved change order number 1 with Reeves Construction Company for the Shadowmoor stormwater improvements in the amount of \$31,878.40; 5215200.601100.

(H2l) Contract with Blair Construction for the Watervale Drainage Rehabilitation Project

Approved the contract with Blair Construction for the Watervale drainage rehabilitation project in the amount of \$799,133; 5215200.601100.

(H2m) Proposal with Cajenn Construction & Rehab Services for the Storm Drain Rehabilitation Project UV lining at 863 Windmill Lane

Approved the proposal with Cajenn Construction & Rehab Services for UV storm drain lining project at 863 Windmill Lane in the amount of \$25,860; 5215200.601100.

(H2n) Easement Encroachment Agreement-815 Shackleford Place

Approved an easement encroachment agreement at 815 Shackleford Place.

(H2o) Easement Encroachment Agreement-2219 Millshaven Trail

Approved an easement encroachment agreement at 2219 Millshaven Trail.

(H2p) Easement Encroachment Agreement-901 Big Oak Circle

Approved an easement encroachment agreement at 901 Big Oak Circle.

(H2q) Fury's Ferry Road Widening, PI# 0008346, Bid #2021004-BID3313 - E R Snell Contractor, Inc.

Approved awarding the bid and contract to E. R. Snell Contractor, Inc. for the Fury's Ferry Road widening in the amount of \$32,381,438.70; 91312.24.015.

(H2r) Georgia Power Lighting Service Agreement for Fury's Ferry Road Widening (SR28), PI# 0008346

Approved the lighting agreement with Georgia Power for Fury's Ferry Road in the amount of \$1,538,620.20; 91312.24.015.

(H2s) Georgia Department of Transportation Lighting Agreement for Fury's Ferry Road Widening (SR28), PI# 0008346

Approved the lighting agreement with Georgia Department of Transportation for pedestrian and roadway lighting as part of the Fury's Ferry Road widening project.

(H2t) Georgia Department of Transportation Right of Way Mowing and Maintenance Agreement for Fury's Ferry Road Widening (SR28), PI# 0008346

Approved the right of way mowing and maintenance agreement with Georgia Department of Transportation for Fury's Ferry Road widening project.

(H2u) Purchasing signal equipment from Rhythm Engineering for Flowing Wells Road Widening, PI# 250600

Approved the purchase of signal equipment from Rhythm Engineering in the amount of \$140,987; 91311.24.015.

(H2v) South Old Belair Road at Old Belair Lane Design Contract with Civil Design Solutions

Approved the contract with Civil Design Solutions for the South Old Belair Road at Old Belair Lane intersection improvements in the amount of \$10,000; 91320.22.010.

(H2w) Final Plat for Crawford Creek South Phase VIII B

Approved the final plat for Crawford Creek South Phase VIII B contingent upon staffs approval.

(H2x) Final Plat for Jackson Heights Phase I

Approved the final plat for Jackson Heights Phase I contingent upon staffs approval.

(H2y) Sewer Easement Plat for Eclipse Storage of Evans, LLC

Approved the sewer easement plat for Eclipse Storage of Evans LLC contingent upon staffs approval.

I. DEBATE AGENDA

(I1) Unfinished Business

(I1a) Management and Internal Services Committee

(I1a1) Comprehensive Policy Manual Revision of Policy Number 603.1 Procurement - *Tabled from April 20, 2021*

Commissioner Melear made a motion to amend the Comprehensive Policy Manual Number 603.1 Procurement as presented with the additional change of Section III 2c v. Approval of the quotation must be made by the County Manager or at his discretion, the Deputy County Manager, in writing with verbal approval by the appropriate committee chairperson or County Chairman before execution. Commissioner Galeas seconded the motion. Vice Chairman Richardson opposed the motion. Chairman Duncan and Commissioners Melear, Skinner and Galeas seconded the motion. The motion carried.

(I2) New Business

(I2a) Community and Emergency Services Committee

(I2a1) Proclamation for National Safe Boating Week

Commissioner Galeas made a motion to proclaim the week of May 22 – 28 2021 as National Safe Boating Week in Columbia County, Georgia. Commissioner Melear seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

(I2a2) Broadway Agreement with Nederlander National Markets, LLC for Columbia County Performing Arts Center

Commissioner Galeas made a motion to approve the Broadway Agreement with Nederlander National Markets, LLC. for Columbia County Performing Arts Center subject to revisions to the insurance requirements to be approved by the County Manager and County Attorney. Commissioner Skinner seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

(I2b) Development and Planning Services Committee

(I2b1) RZ21-04-05, Rezone from R-2 (Single Family Residential) to PRD (Planned Residential Development), Tax Map 079 Parcels 110 and 110A, 15.44+/- acres, located at 4204 Washington Road, and currently zoned R-2 (Single Family Residential).

Commissioner Skinner made a motion to allow the withdrawal of the rezoning request for tax map 079 110 and 110A without prejudice. Commissioner Galeas seconded the motion. Commissioner Melear made a substitute motion to not allow the withdrawal and for the Board to vote on the item as it was presented. Commissioner Melear's motion died due to a lack of a second. Vice Chairman Richardson and Commissioners Skinner and Galeas voted in favor Commissioner Skinner's motion. Chairman Duncan and Commissioner Melear opposed Commissioner Skinner's motion. Commissioner Skinner's motion carried.

(I2b2) RZ21-04-06, Rezone from R-A (Residential Agricultural) and S-1 (Special) to R-A (Residential Agricultural), Tax Map 006 Parcel 071, 32.139+/- acres, located at 7161 Moontown Road, and currently split zoned R-A (Residential Agricultural) and S-1 (Special).

Commissioner Skinner made a motion to approve the request for a rezoning from RA and S1 to RA for tax map 006 071. Commissioner Galeas seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

(I2b3) RZ21-04-07, Conditional Use for a Car Wash, Tax Map 078 Parcel 155B, 1.71+/- acres, located at 489 Columbia Industrial Boulevard, and currently zoned M-1 (Light Industrial).

Commissioner Skinner made a motion to approve the request for a Conditional Use for a car wash located at tax map 078 155B subject to the condition that vehicles shall not be parked on the property at 4232 Evans to Locks Road overnight.

Owner Jamie Camp was present to answer questions.

Vice Chairman Richardson seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

(I2b4) RZ21-04-08, Conditional Use for a Gym, Tax Map 072 Parcel 198, 2.0+/- acres, located at 705 North Belair Road, and currently zoned M-2 (General Industrial).

Commissioner Skinner made a motion to approve the request for a Condition Use for a Gym located at tax map 072 198 to open a baseball and softball academy business on the property. Commissioner Melear seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

(I2b5) VA21-04-04, Variance to Section 90-98 List of Lot and Structure Requirements, Tax Map 072 Parcel 198, 2.0+/- acres, located at 705 North Belair Road, and currently zoned M-2 (General Industrial).

Commissioner Skinner made a motion to approve the variance to Section 90-98 List of Lot and Structure Requirements for the property located at tax map 072 198 to allow the existing building to remain in the current locations subject to the condition that the variance to required setbacks applies only to the existing building. Commissioner Melear seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

(I2b6) VA21-04-03, Variance to Section 90-144 Placement of Buildings and Structures, Tax Map 073C Parcel 314, 0.31+/- acres, located at 730 Houston Lake Drive, and currently zoned R-2 (Single Family Residential).

Commissioner Skinner made a motion to approve the request for a variance to Section 90-144 Placement of Buildings and Structures located at tax map 073C 314 to allow a 6 foot fence within the front building setback. Commissioner Galeas seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

(I2b7) VA21-04-05, Variance to Section 90-53 List of Lot & Structure Requirements, Tax Map 084 Parcel 151, 0.31+/- acres, located at 901 Big Oak Circle, and currently zoned R-2/RCO (Single Family Residential with Residential Cluster Overlay).

Commissioner Skinner made a motion to approve the request for a variance to Section 90-53 List of Lot & Structure Requirements for property located at tax map 084 151 to reduce the building setback along the private alley to 5 feet from the property line for a proposed pool and cabana subject to the following conditions:

Planning:

A fence and/or wall 6 feet in height or less must be provided along the private alley extending from the edge of the garage to the southern property line.

Stormwater Management:

An Easement Encroachment Agreement is required.

Commissioner Galeas seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

(I2c) Public Works and Engineering Services Committee

(I2c1) Resolution 21-12 through 21-16 to establish Street Light Districts in Bartram Trail Section X Phase 2, Crawford Creek South Phase VIII A, Highland Lakes Section I & II, and Wright's Farm Phase 1 - *First Reading*

Vice Chairman Richardson made a motion to approve the first reading of Resolutions 21-12 Bartram Trail Section X phase 2 SLD 416J, 21-13 Crawford Creek South Phase VIII A SLD 508B, 21-14 Highland Lakes Section I SLD 528, 21-15 Highland Lakes Section II SLD 528B and 21-16 Wright's Farm Phase I SLD 529

to establish street light districts and to authorize Georgia Power to proceed with the installation. Commissioner Melear 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) Property

(M1a) Donee and Patricia Johnson for a portion of parcel number 073E035A to obtain permanent and temporary easements for Hammond Circle

Vice Chairman Richardson made a motion to accept the donation from Donee and Patricia Johnson for a portion of parcel number 073E035A to obtain permanent and temporary easements for Hammond Circle. Commissioner Skinner seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

(M1b) Milton Gresham parcel 078B125 for permanent and temporary easement for the 16" Flowing Wells Road water project

Vice Chairman Richardson made a motion to approve \$200 to Milton Gresham parcel 078B125 for permanent and temporary easement for the 16" Flowing Wells Road water project. Commissioner Skinner seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

N. ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Galeas made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:35 p.m. Vice Chairman Richardson seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Signature on File

Gary L. Richardson, Vice Chairman

Signature on File

Patrice R. Crawley, County Clerk