



**Columbia County Board of Commissioners Meeting
Minutes of Tuesday, August 3, 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.
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
Leanne Reese - Internal Services
Michael Blanchard - Technology Services
Stacey Gordon - Water Utility Services
County Staff

Commissioner Dewey G. Galeas was not present. 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 Melear 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 four Commissioners present.

E. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

(E1) July 20, 2021

Commissioner Melear made a motion to approve the minutes of the July 20, 2021 Board of Commissioners meeting as presented. Commissioner Skinner seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

F. PRESENTATION AND APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Chairman Duncan presented the August 03, 2021 agenda.

G. SPECIAL RECOGNITION, PRESENTATION, AND / OR DECLARATION

(G1) Presentation

(G1a) Douglas Martinovich to speak on the need of an ordinance concerning semi trucks using jake brakes through Appling

Douglas Martinovich described the noise disturbance caused by large trucks applying jake brakes through Appling.

(G1b) Columbia County Fire Rescue 2021 Boot Drive Check Presentation to Burn Foundation of American and Columbia County Community Connections

Deputy Fire Chief Jimmie Paschal, Captain Robert Yahn, and Captain Gary Griffith presented the 2021 Boot Drive checks to Teka Jenkins with Columbia County Community Connections and to Steve Chalker and Linda McKnight with the Burn Foundation of America.

H. CONSENT AGENDA

In accordance with Columbia County Code of Ordinance Section 2-81(6), the following items were voted on collectively. Vice Chairman Richardson made a motion to approve the consent agenda as presented. Commissioner Melear seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

(H1) Community and Emergency Services Committee

(H1a) Animal Services Donations

Approved the acceptance of \$25,000 from Elizabeth Halter, \$100 from Vikki Scott and \$50 from Animal Advocates for the medical care and spray/neuters of sheltered animals; 2250301.433019.01713.

(H1b) 2021 CCFR Boot Drive Service Agreements with the Burn Foundation of America and Columbia County Community Connections

Approved the service agreements with the Burn Foundation of America and Columbia County Community Connections in the amount of \$31,663.25 each from the proceeds collected during the Fire Services 2021 Boot Drive; 2322510.533035.

(H2) Development and Planning Services Committee

(H2a) Alcoholic Beverage License, Cracker Barrel Old Country Store Inc dba Cracker Barrel #171

Approved the Alcoholic Beverage License for Cracker Barrel Old Country Store Inc. dba Cracker Barrel #171.

(H3) Public Works and Engineering Services Committee

(H3a) The Plaza Parking Garage Change Order 02

Approved change order number two for the Plaza Parking Garage in the amount of \$91,634.49; 17210.37.015.

(H3b) Purchase of Mini Track Loader from Bobcat of Augusta for Landscape Crew

Approved the purchase of a mini track loader from Bobcat of Augusta in the amount of \$41,740.14; 6416400.601080.

(H3c) Change Order No. 1, B.R. Walden Construction, Inc., WTP Gallery Painting

Approved change order number 1 with B.R. Walden Construction, Inc. for the water treatment plant gallery painting in the amount of \$11,305.49; 57037.25.015.676.

(H3d) Engineering Proposal, Turnipseed Engineers for the design of the Bill Dorn ground storage tank

Approved the engineering proposal with Turnipseed Engineers for the design of the Bill Dorn ground storage tank in the amount of \$27,000; 57037.25.015.683.

(H3e) Contract Renewal, Hudson's Grassing Company, Inc., Biosolids Management Services

Approved the contract renewal with Hudson's Grassing Company, Inc. for Biosolids Management Services in the amount of \$31.28 per ton; 511.5115.533035.

(H3f) Maintenance Agreement, TEMSCO, Inc., Wastewater Treatment Plants

Approved the maintenance agreement with TEMSCO, Inc. for the maintenance services on the UV 3000 Plus installed at the Reed Creek, Little River and Crawford Creek wastewater treatment plants in the amount of \$10,200; 511.5115.533035.

(H3g) Resolution 21-29, Final Resolution regarding abandonment of an old portion of Parham Rd Right-of-Way

Approved Resolution 21-29 to abandon and sell a portion of Parham Road right of way.

(H3h) Resolution 21-30, Final Resolution regarding abandonment of a portion of Evans Town Center Blvd Right-of-Way

Approved Resolution 21-30 to abandon and sell a portion of Evans Town Center Blvd right of way.

(H3i) Title VI Plan Annual Renewal for Transportation

Approved the annual renewal of the Title VI Plan for transportation.

(H3j) Georgia Power Relocation Agreement for Horizon South Parkway Widening, PI No 0008351

Approved the Georgia Power Relocation Agreement for the Horizon South Parkway widening project in the amount not to exceed \$530,329; 91309-24-050.

(H3k) Final Plat for Johns Landing

Approved the acceptance of improvements depicted on the plat for Johns Landing contingent upon staff's approval with a two year warranty period from the date of written acceptance of the as-built drawings.

(H3l) Final Plat for Greenpoint Phase 1B

Approved the acceptance of improvements depicted on the plat for Greenpoint Phase 1B contingent upon staff's approval with a two year warranty period from the date of written acceptance of the as-built drawings.

I. DEBATE AGENDA

(I1) Unfinished Business

**(I1a) Lease with State Properties Commission for the Department of Community Supervision -
*tabled from July 20, 2021***

Commissioner Melear made a motion to approve a lease agreement with the State Properties Commission for the Department of Community Supervision effective July 1, 2021. Vice Chairman Richardson seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

(I2) New Business

(I2a) Management and Internal Services Committee

(I2a1) Resolution 21-35 to Establish the Millage Rate for Purposes of Computing Ad Valorem Taxes on Property in Columbia County, Georgia for Calendar Year 2021

Commissioner Melear made a motion to approve Resolution Number 21-35 to establish the millage rate for purposes of computing Ad Valorem taxes and authorize the Chairman to sign all required forms and documents. Commissioner Skinner seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

(I2b) Development and Planning Services Committee

(I2b1) RZ21-07-03, Rezone from R-2 (Single Family Residential) to C-2 (General Commercial), Tax Map 072A Parcel 085, 0.51+/- acres, located at 454 North Belair Road, and currently zoned R-2 (Single Family Residential)

Commissioner Skinner made a motion to allow the applicant to withdraw without prejudice the request to rezone from R-2 to C-2 for property located at 454 North Belair Road, Tax Map 072A Parcel 085. Commissioner Melear seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

(I2c) Public Works and Engineering Services Committee

(I2c1) Ordinance No. 21-06 – Amendment to the Code of Ordinances Columbia County, Georgia for a Right-of-Way Encroachment Ordinance - *First Reading*

Vice Chairman Richardson made a motion to approve the first reading of Ordinance Number 21-06 amending the Official Code of Columbia County Chapter 18, Article III, Permits, to become effective the day after the second reading. Commissioner Skinner seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

(I2c2) Resolution 21-32 - Driveway Encroachment Policy Manual and Driveway Encroachment Permit

Vice Chairman Richardson made a motion to approve Resolution 21-32 Driveway Encroachment Policy Manual and Driveway Encroachment Permit. Commissioner Skinner 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) Timothy and Marla Logan easement parcel 043 043 for the Hunt Road project

Vice Chairman Richardson made a motion to accept the donation from Timothy and Marla Logan parcel 043 043 for right of way, permanent and temporary easements for the Hunt Road project. Commissioner Melear seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

(M1b) James and Susan Hunt easement parcel 043 044A for the Hunt Road project

Vice Chairman Richardson made a motion to accept the donation from James and Susan Hunt parcel 043 044A for right of way, permanent and temporary easements for the Hunt Road project. Commissioner Melear seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

(M1c) Pamela McCladdie easement parcel 068 134 for the Sugar Creek to Gateway waterline project

Vice Chairman Richardson made a motion to approve \$1,500 to Pamela McCladdie parcel 068 134B for right of way, permanent and temporary easements for the Sugar Creek to Gateway waterline project. Commissioner Melear seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

(M1d) Plaza Evans, LLC. easement parcel 072 045K for the Ronald Reagan project

Vice Chairman Richardson made a motion to accept the donation from Plaza Evans, LLC. parcel 072 045K for right of way, permanent and temporary easements for the Ronald Reagan project. Commissioner Skinner seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

(M1e) Emanuel & Lynn Hernandez parcel 077G 819, Eugene Tshishiku parcels 077G 816B, 817A, Carmelita & Robert Anderson parcel 077G 813 for right of way, permanent and temporary easements for the Reed Creek Sewer Phase II project

Vice Chairman Richardson made a motion to approve \$2,669 to Emanuel & Lynn Hernandez parcel 077G 819, \$1,200 to Eugene Tshishiku parcels 077G 816B, 817A, \$816 to Carmelita & Robert Anderson parcel 077G 813 for right of way, permanent and temporary easements for the Reed Creek Sewer Phase II project. Commissioner Melear seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

(M1f) Donation from Robert Parker parcel 074H 141, David Capell parcel 074H 158, Nicole Hunter parcel 073A 551, Judy Shipes parcel 074G 020, Georgene Ayungo parcel 074G 026, Crawford Mill HOA parcel 074 025A, Susan Shott parcel 073A 547, John Jennings parcel 073A 397, Melvina Young parcel 074H 145 and Reginald Powell parcel 074H 149 for right of way, permanent and temporary easements for the Crawford Creek Phase II project

Vice Chairman Richardson made a motion to accept the donation from Robert Parker parcel 074H 141, David Capell parcel 074H 158, Nicole Hunter parcel 073A 551, Judy Shipes parcel 074G 020, Georgene Ayungo parcel 074G 026, Crawford Mill HOA parcel 074 025A, Susan Shott parcel 073A 547, John Jennings parcel 073A 397, Melvina Young parcel 074H 145 and Reginald Powell parcel 074H 149 for right of way, permanent and temporary easements for the Crawford Creek Phase II project. Commissioner Skinner seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

N. ADJOURNMENT

At 6:30 p.m. Vice Chairman Richardson made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Skinner seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Signature on File

Douglas R. Duncan, Jr., Chairman

Signature on File

Patrice R. Crawley, County Clerk