



**Columbia County Board of Commissioners Meeting
Minutes for October 5, 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
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

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) September 21, 2021

Commissioner Melear made a motion to approve the minutes of the September 21, 2021 Board of Commissioners meeting as presented. Commissioner Skinner seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

F. PRESENTATION AND APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

(F1) Moved Consent Agenda Item H2b Alcoholic Beverage License for Fresco Café' to Debate Agenda Item I1a5

County Manager Johnson requested to move Item H2b Alcoholic Beverage License for Fresco Cafe from Consent Agenda to Debate Agenda Item I1a5. Chairman Duncan presented the agenda with the requested movement of the item.

G. SPECIAL RECOGNITION, PRESENTATION, AND / OR DECLARATION

(G1) Presentation

(G1a) Executive Director Shelly Blackburn to highlight some of the accomplishments and future plans of the Columbia County Convention & Visitors Bureau

Executive Director Blackburn highlighted some of the accomplishments and future plans of the Columbia

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 Galeas seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

(H1) Community and Emergency Services Committee

(H1a) GA Bulls Soccer Club Athletic Field and Park Usage Agreement

Approved an Athletic Field and Park Usage Agreement with GA Bulls Soccer Club, LLC.

(H1b) CivicRec Software Agreement

Approved Services Renewal Agreement with CivicPlus for CivicRec software in the amount of \$34,621.03; 1011005.533035.

(H1c) GEMA MOU for GSAR Task Force #3

Approved a Memorandum of Understanding with Georgia Emergency Management Agency/Homeland Security for Georgia Search and Rescue Task Force Number 3.

(H2) Development and Planning Services Committee

(H2a) Alcoholic Beverage License, Papi LLC dba Topsy Bar & Grill

Approved the alcoholic beverage license for Papi LLC dba Topsy Bar & Grill.

(H2b) ~~Alcoholic Beverage License, Fresco Cafe~~ - moved to the Debate Agenda

Item was moved to the Debate Agenda during the approval of the agenda.

(H3) Public Works and Engineering Services Committee

(H3a) Bid Rejection, Reed Creek Sewer Phase II

Approved the rejection of BID#:2021029-BID5100 received for the Reed Creek Sewer Phase II project.

(H3b) Purchase, 25 Ton Tag-a-Long Trailer, Kraftsman Trailers

Approved the purchase from Kraftsman Trailers of a 25 ton tag-a-long trailer in the amount of \$30,299; 511.5125.601081.

(H3c) Purchase, Video Wall Replacement, Solutionz, Inc.

Approved the purchase of the command center video wall for Jim Blanchard Water Plant from Solutionz, Inc. in the amount of \$116,932.48; 511.5115.601081.

(H3d) Georgia Power Easement Agreement, Jim Blanchard Water Plant

Approved the Georgia Power Easement Agreement for the Jim Blanchard Water Plant.

(H3e) Contract with Peek Pavement Markings for Columbia County Fiscal Year 2022 Striping Project A

Approved a contract with Peek Pavement Marking, LLC. for the Columbia County Fiscal Year 2022 Striping Project A in the amount of \$154,055.35; 2342710.522137.

(H3f) Intergovernmental Agreement with the City of Harlem, Georgia for repair and resurfacing of Knox Rd

Approved an Intergovernmental Agreement with the City of Harlem to repair and resurface Knox Rd.

(H3g) Intergovernmental Support Agreement (IGSA) with the United States for the procurement of roadway repairs and maintenance services on Fort Gordon.

Approved an Intergovernmental Support Agreement with the United States for the procurement of roadway repairs and maintenance services on Fort Gordon.

(H3h) Community Rating System (CRS) Recertification

Approved the annual Community Rating System recertification form for the submittal to the Insurance Services Office.

(H3i) Final Plat for Four Oaks Phase 2-C

Approved the acceptance of the Final Plat for Four Oaks, Phase 2-C and all improvements and easements as depicted on the plat for Four Oaks Phase 2-C according to Columbia County Code Section 74-46 (Maintenance) with the warranty period for two years, unless extended pursuant to this section.

(H3j) Final Plat for Crawford Creek South Phase IX

Approved the final plat for Crawford Creek South Phase IX and the acceptance of all improvements and easements as depicted on the plat according to Code Section 74-46 (Maintenance) with a warranty period for two years, unless extended pursuant to this section.

(H3k) General Wood Parkway Right of Way Acceptance of Parcel 3-B

Approved General Wood Parkway right of way acceptance of parcel 3-B.

I. DEBATE AGENDA

(I1) New Business

(I1a) Development and Planning Services Committee

(I1a1) RZ21-09-03, Major PRD (Planned Residential Development) Revision, Tax Map 051 Parcel 049, 265.94 +/- acres, located off Baker Place Road, and currently zoned PRD (Planned Residential Development).

Commissioner Skinner made a motion to approve the request for a Major Revision to the existing PRD for Tax Map 051 Parcel 049 to allow a berm within the buffer on Baker Place Road subject to the following conditions:

Planning:

1. No lots within 300 feet of the required buffer shall be final platted unless the related portion of the buffer is either:

a. Fully constructed as a berm and planted in accordance with this revision OR

b. Undisturbed and designated to remain that way in perpetuity. Once the lots designated above are final platted, no additional disturbance in the buffer will be allowed.

2. Excluding any areas of the buffer that are to remain undisturbed and any necessary tapering to these areas or the termini of the berm, the minimum constructed height of the berm shall be 6 feet.

3. Construction plans for the phases of the project which abut Baker Place Road must clearly indicate whether the buffer is to be bermed or is to remain undisturbed. Wherever the buffer is to include a berm, the submitted preliminary plat must include a landscaping plan for the berm, which must be implemented prior to final platting of the lots outlined in condition #1, subject to coordination between the applicant and the County for installation of irrigation in these areas.

Commission:

1. One irrigation meter may be sold to the parent parcel ahead of the first approval final plat for irrigation of the buffers and/or berms, landscape islands within the right of way, or other landscape areas.

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

(I1a2) RZ21-09-04, Rezone from R-3 (Single Family Residential) to S-1 (Special), Tax Map 077C Parcels 064 & 065, 0.94 & 1.26+/- acres respectively, located off Kuhlke Drive and Brittany Way, and

currently zoned R-3 (Single Family Residential) -Tabled to October 19, 2021

Pam Lightsey requested that the item be tabled. Jonathan Crawford and Ollie Higdon answered questions concerning the rezoning.

Commissioner Skinner made a motion to table the request for a rezoning from R-3 to S-1 for property located at Tax Map 077C Parcels 064 & 065 to October 19, 2021. Vice Chairman Richardson seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

(I1a3) RZ21-09-06, Major PUD (Planned Unit Development) Revision, Tax Map 075 Parcels 071-075, 1.05 +/- total acres , located at 2218, 2220, 2222, 2224, and 2228 Laurens Street, and currently zoned PUD (Planned Unit Development).

Commissioner Skinner made a motion to approve the request for a Major Revision to the existing PUD for Tax Map 075 Parcels 071-075, located at 2218, 2220, 2222, 2224, and 2228 Laurens Street to allow front loaded garages on these lots. Chairman Duncan seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

(I1a4) VA21-09-03, Variance to Section 90-53 List of Lot & Structure Requirements, Tax Map 035B Parcel 027, 0.8 +/- acres, located at 3821 Lady Court, and currently zoned R-4 (Recreational Residential).

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 035B Parcel 027, 0.8 +/- acres to reduce the rear building setback for a deck subject to the following condition:

Planning:

The reduced setback applies only to the existing house and deck under construction. Any additional structures constructed must comply with the building setbacks.

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

(I1a5) Alcoholic Beverage License, Fresco Cafe - Tabled to November 02, 2021

Ralph Armstead, Jr. was available to answer any questions concerning Fresco Cafe.

Commissioner Skinner made a motion to postpone the consideration of Fresco Café, LLC's application for a distilled spirits license until the November 02, 2021 Board of Commissioners Meeting. Commissioner Melear seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

(I1b) Public Works and Engineering Services Committee

(I1b1) Easement Encroachment Agreement at 1143 Sumter Landing Circle

Ashley Marks, Kent Logan, Tony Davidson and Shawn Stanley answered questions concerning the retaining wall.

Vice Chairman Richardson made a motion to approve the easement encroachment agreement at 1143 Sumter Landing Circle with the following conditions:

- 1. A survey of the wall showing the location of the parcel(s)*
 - 2. If the wall is on multiple parcels, an easement between property owners allowing mutual access to the wall shall be recorded; an easement encroachment shall be submitted to Columbia County for consideration by Commission*
 - 3. A third party inspection report by a licensed engineer of the entire wall, footing and drain system stating it meets design as submitted*
 - 4. All permits, encroachment fees and fees for working without a permit shall be paid*
 - 5. All of the conditions must be met within 60 days or the wall shall be removed by the property owner*
 - 6. All costs associated with this request shall be the responsibility of the owner*
- Commissioner Skinner seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.*

(I2) 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) Jones Crossing Association, Inc. tax map number 077 061D for trade fixtures for the Fury's Ferry Road Project

Vice Chairman Richardson made a motion to approve \$16,594 to Jones Crossing Association, Inc. tax map number 077 061D for trade fixtures for the Fury's Ferry Road Project. Commissioner Skinner seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

(M1b) Sherrie & Dale Varner tax map number 073A 579 and AMC 20 LLC tax map 074 118 for right of way, permanent and temporary easements for the Crawford Creek sewer project

Vice Chairman Richardson made a motion to accept the donation from Sherrie & Dale Varner tax map number 073A 579 and to approve \$2,382 to AMC 20 LLC tax map 074 118 for right of way, permanent and temporary easements for the Crawford Creek sewer project. Commissioner Galeas seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

N. ADJOURNMENT

At 7:06 p.m. Commissioner Galeas made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Vice Chairman Richardson seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Signature on File

Douglas R. Duncan, Jr., Chairman

Signature on File

Patrice R. Crawley, County Clerk