



**Columbia County Board of Commissioners Meeting
Minutes for Tuesday, November 2, 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
Michael Blanchard - Technology Services
Stacey Gordon - Water Utility 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 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 five Commissioners present.

E. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

(E1) October 19, 2021

Commissioner Melear made a motion to approve the minutes of the October 19, 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 Item H3c Purchase of a RC Mower for Roads & Bridges from Consent Agenda to Item I2b3 Debate Agenda

County Manager Johnson requested to move item H3c Purchase of a RC Mower for Roads & Bridges from the Consent Agenda to the Debate Agenda Item I2b3. Chairman Duncan presented the November 02, 2021 Agenda with the requested change.

G. SPECIAL RECOGNITION, PRESENTATION, AND / OR DECLARATION

(G1) Presentation

(G1a) Leo Price to speak against RZ21-10-09

(G1b) Jillian Ready to speak in favor of RZ21-10-09

Chairman Duncan stated that the people who requested to speak will do so during the respective agenda item.

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) Trane Service Agreement Building Automation System at CCPAC

Approved the Trane Service Agreement Building Automation System for the Columbia County Performing Arts Center.

(H1b) Animal Services Donations

Approved the acceptance of the donation from Brandon Whitten in the amount of \$100, Antonia Rodriguez in the amount of \$200, David Herrity in the amount of \$210 and Ashley Donniss in the amount of \$150 for the medical care and spay/neuter of sheltered animals.

(H1c) ARPA Tech Grant for the Greater Clarks Hill Regional Library

Approved the acceptance of the ARPA Tech Grant for the Greater Clarks Hill Regional Library in the amount of \$17,057.24; 9319310.544035.

(H1d) Donation from Mr. and Mrs. Wegner

Approved the acceptance of a donation from Mr. and Mrs. Wegner in the amount of \$200 to be used to purchase fire safety supplies 2320701.47703.

(H2) Development and Planning Services Committee

(H2a) Alcoholic Beverage License, Augsburg Haus LLC

Approved the alcoholic beverage license for Augsburg Haus LLC.

(H3) Public Works and Engineering Services Committee

(H3a) Contract Item Agreement, Georgia Department of Transportation, SR 47 Resurfacing

Approved the contract item agreement with the Georgia Department of Transportation for SR 47 resurfacing in the amount of \$23,000; 511.5130.601090.

(H3b) Contract Item Agreement, Georgia Department of Transportation, SR 10 Resurfacing

Approved the contract item agreement with the Georgia Department of Transportation for SR10 resurfacing in the amount of \$15,000; 511.5125.601090.

(H3c) Purchase of a RC Mower for Roads & Bridges - *Moved to Debate Agenda Item I2b3*

The purchase of a RC Mower for Roads & Bridges was moved to Debate Agenda Item I2b3 during the agenda approval.

(H3d) Proposal from Georgia Power to provide safety lighting at the intersection of Hardy McManus and Dolphin Way

Approved the proposal from Georgia Power to provide safety lighting at the intersection of Hardy McManus and Dolphin Way with an estimated annual cost of \$603.60; 2342710.522080.20502.

(H3e) Design Contract with Bluewater Engineering for Mullins Pond Improvements

Approved the design contract with Bluewater Engineering for Mullins Pond improvements in the amount of

\$46,250; 5215200.601100.

(H3f) Design Contract with Bluewater Engineering for the Petersburg Detention Pond Rehabilitation
Approved the design contract with Bluewater Engineering for Petersburg detention pond rehabilitation project in the amount of \$95,650; 5215200.601100.

(H3g) Furys Ferry Rd Widening, PI # 0008346, Supplemental Agreement No. 2 with Georgia Department of Transportation
Approved Supplemental Agreement Number 2 with Georgia Department of Transportation for the Furys Ferry widening project.

(H3h) Resolution 21-38 and Agreement with the Georgia Department of Transportation for the Resurfacing of William Few Parkway
Approved Resolution 21-38 and Transportation Investment Act of 2010 Project Agreement with the Georgia Department of Transportation for the resurfacing of William Few Parkway.

(H3i) Columbia County Wayfinding & Signage System, Phase II Contract with 41 South Creative
Approved the contract with 41 South Creative for the Wayfinding and Signage Project, Phase 2 in the amount of \$77,870.

(H3j) Final Plat for Kellarie Section 5B
Approved the acceptance of all improvements and easements as depicted on the plat for Kellarie Section 5B, contingent upon staff's approval with a warranty period for two years, unless extended.

(H3k) Final Plat for Anderson Farms Section II
Approved the acceptance of all improvements and easements as depicted on the plat for Anderson Farms Section II, contingent upon staff's approval with a warranty period for two years, unless extended.

(H3l) Kiokee Baptist Church Right of Way Acceptance of Parcel "E"
Approved the acceptance of right of way deed for Parcel E on the plat for Kiokee Baptist Church.

I. DEBATE AGENDA

(I1) Unfinished Business

(I1a) Development and Planning Services Committee

(I1a1) Alcoholic Beverage License, Fresco Café - *Tabled from October 05, 2021*
Commissioner Skinner made a motion to deny revoking Fresco Cafe's beer and wine license. Commissioner Galeas seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously. Commissioner Skinner made a motion to deny the application from Fresco Cafe' for a distilled spirits license. Commissioner Galeas seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

(I1a2) Ordinance Number 21-07: Amending Chapter 18 to create Chapter 18, Article XI, Broadband Ready Community - *Second Reading*
Commissioner Skinner made a motion to approve the Second Reading of Ordinance Number 21-07 Amending Chapter 18 to create Chapter 18, Article XI, Broadband Ready Community. Commissioner Melear seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

(I1a3) RZ21-09-05, Major PUD (Planned Unit Development) Revision, Tax Map 082 Parcel 526, 5.68 +/- acres, located at 1000 West Lake Commons Drive, and currently zoned PUD (Planned Unit Development) - *Tabled until December 21, 2021*
Commissioner Skinner made a motion to table the request for a major PUD revision until December 21, 2021. Vice Chairman Richardson seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

(I2) New Business

(I2a) Development and Planning Services Committee

(I2a1) VA21-10-01, Variance to Section 90-53 List of Lot & Structure Requirements, Tax Map 081B Parcel 411, 0.66 +/- acres, located at 605 Spyglass Road, and currently zoned R-2 (Single Family 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 081B Parcel 411 subject to the following conditions:

Planning:

- 1. The rear setback is reduced to 0 feet for the proposed deck only. All other structures must meet the R-2 setbacks.*
- 2. No portion of the deck, nor any land disturbance related to the construction, may cross onto the adjacent property.*

Commissioner Galeas seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

(I2a2) RZ21-10-08, Conditional Use, Tax Map 062 Parcel 086R, 1.80 +/- acres, located at 713 Gateway Center Boulevard, and currently zoned C-2 (General Commercial).

Commissioner Skinner made a motion to approve the request for a Conditional Use for Tattoo for Tax Map 062 Parcel 086R subject to the following condition:

Planning:

The Conditional Use only applies to the suite addressed as 721 Gateway Center Boulevard.

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

(I2a3) RZ21-10-09, Rezone from R-A (Residential Agricultural) to C-C (Community Commercial), Tax Map 029 Parcel 042, 3.1 +/- acres, located at 6322 Wrightsboro Road, and currently zoned R-A (Residential Agricultural).

Leo Price stated his reasons why the Board should not approve the request for rezoning.

Jillian Ready, who represented the owner, stated her reasons why the Board should approve the request for rezoning.

Commissioner Skinner a motion to disapprove the request for a rezoning from R-A to C-C for property located at Tax Map 029 Parcel 042. Commissioner Galeas seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

(I2a4) VA21-10-06, Variances to Sections 90-53 List of Lot and Structure Requirements and 90-132 Nonconforming Uses of Land and Structures, Tax Map 072D Parcel 045, 0.19 +/- acres, located at 413 La Vista Drive, and currently zoned R-1 (Single Family Residential).

Commissioner Skinner made a motion to approve the request for a variance to Sections 90-53 List of Lot and Structure Requirements and 90-132 Nonconforming Uses of Land and Structures for property located at Tax Map 072D Parcel 045 to reduce the building setbacks and to allow a proposed porch addition on a nonconforming lot subject to the following conditions:

Building Standards:

- 1. All new construction or renovation work must meet all applicable codes and amendments adopted by Columbia County, GA. These include but not limited to the International Residential code for one and two family dwellings, National Electrical Code, International Mechanical Code, International Fuel Gas Code, International Plumbing Code, International Property Maintenance Code, Swimming Pool and Spa Code and Columbia County ordinance.*
- 2. Permit must be pulled to construct the new deck. If the siding is replaced, permits must be pulled before any work begins.*

Planning:

- 1. The front setback from Knights Way is reduced to 2.5 feet from the right of way for the existing structure only. Any new structures must be at least 10 feet from the right of way of Knights Way, and must meet all*

other setbacks as defined in Sections 90-53 and 90-132.

2. The side setbacks are reduced to 2.5 feet for the existing structures only. Any new construction must meet the side setbacks as defined in Sections 90-53, 90-132, and 90-144.

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

(I2a5) VA21-10-07, Variance to Section 90-144(c)(1) Placement of Buildings and Structures, Tax Map 078 Parcel 252, 0.49 +/- acres, located at 3493 Greenway Drive, and currently zoned R-3 (Single Family Residential) - Tabled until December 21, 2021

Commissioner Skinner made a motion to table the request for a variance to Section 90-144 (c)(1)

Placement of Buildings & Structures for property located at Tax Map 078 Parcel 252 until December 21, 2021. Vice Chairman Richardson seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

(I2b) Public Works and Engineering Services Committee

(I2b1) Engineering Proposal with Goodwyn Mills Cawood, LLC. for a Water and Sewer Master Plan

Vice Chairman Richardson made a motion to approve the Engineering Proposal from Goodwyn Mills Cawood, LLC for a water and sewer master plan in the amount of \$297,000; 57037.25.015.689.

Commissioner Skinner seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

(I2b2) Resolutions 21-40 and 21-41 to establish Street Light Districts in Dolmen, Longford & Wicklow at Canterbury Farms and Whispering Pines, Section 4A - First Reading

Vice Chairman Richardson made a motion to approve the first reading of Resolutions 21-40 and 21-41 to establish street light districts in Dolmen, Longford & Wicklow at Canterbury Farms and Whispering Pines, Section 4A and to authorize Georgia Power to proceed with installation per their proposal. Commissioner Skinner seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

(I2b3) Purchase of a RC Mower for Roads & Bridges - Tabled until November 16, 2021

Vice Chairman Richardson made a motion to table the purchase of a RC Mower for Roads & Bridges until November 16, 2021. 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) Mill Branch Investments, LLLP. Tax Parcel number 062 085 for right of way, permanent and temporary easements for Horizon South Parkway Road widening project

Vice Chairman Richardson made a motion to approve \$53,300 to Mill Branch Investments, LLLP. Tax Parcel number 062 085 for right of way, permanent and temporary easements for Horizon South Parkway Road widening project. Commissioner Galeas seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

(M1b) Annie V. Holley Anderson tax map 077C 022 for permanent easement for the Shaw Street Stormwater upgrade

Vice Chairman Richardson made a motion to accept the donation from Annie V. Holley Anderson tax map 077C 022 for permanent easement for the Shaw Street Stormwater upgrade. Commissioner Skinner seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

(M1c) Quitclaim deed of release of existing permanent easement for Emanuel & Samantha Hernandez tax map 077G 819

Vice Chairman Richardson made a motion to approve the quitclaim deed of release of existing permanent easement for Emanuel & Samantha Hernandez tax map 077G 819. Commissioner Skinner seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

N. ADJOURNMENT

At 6:28 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