



**Columbia County Board of Commissioners Meeting
Minutes for Tuesday, January 18, 2022 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
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 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) January 4, 2022

Commissioner Melear made a motion to approve the minutes of the January 04, 2022 Board of Commissioners meeting as presented. Commissioner Skinner seconded the motion. Chairman Duncan, Commissioners Melear, Skinner and Galeas voted in favor of the motion. Vice Chairman Richardson abstained since he was not present at the January 04, 2022 meeting. The motion carried.

F. PRESENTATION AND APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Chairman Duncan presented the January 18, 2022 agenda.

G. SPECIAL RECOGNITION, PRESENTATION, AND / OR DECLARATION

(G1) Declaration

(G1a) Proclamation to Columbia County Convention and Visitors Bureau and Columbia County Chamber of Commerce for Columbia County Restaurant Week January 24 - 30, 2022

Commissioner Melear presented a proclamation to Executive Director Blackburn of the CVB and President Lahodny of the Chamber proclaiming the week of January 24, 2022 Restaurant Week in Columbia County.

H. CONSENT AGENDA

In accordance with Columbia County Code of Ordinance Section 2-81(6), the following items were voted on collectively. Commissioner Galeas made a motion to approve the consent agenda as presented.

Commissioner Skinner seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

(H1) Management and Internal Services Committee

(H1a) Board and Committee Appointments

Approved the reappointments and appointments as listed on the recommendation sheet to the appropriate Boards and Committees.

(H1b) FY2020 Homeland Security Grant Program Agreement between Georgia Emergency Management and Homeland Security Agency and Columbia County Board of Commissioners

Approved the FY2020 Homeland Security Grant Number 98 Program Agreement with Georgia Emergency Management and Homeland Security Agency for the amount of \$37,863; 2252300.544035.10228.

(H1c) Purchase of John Deere 5100 Tractors

Approved the purchase of three John Deere 5100 series tractors from Blanchard Equipment for the total amount of \$229,966.50; 64169400.601080.

(H1d) Use of Mission Square 401(a) Forfeiture Assets

Approved the use of Mission Square 401(a) Forfeiture Assets as presented and the transfer of funds into the Medical Plan Fund.

(H1e) Agreement with Sunset Auction Company, Inc for County Surplus

Approved an agreement with Sunset Auction Company, Inc. to conduct a sale of surplus items on behalf of the County.

(H1f) Memorandum of Understanding with the Board of Education for ARPA funding

Approved the Memorandum of Understanding with the Board of Education for ARPA Funding.

(H2) Development and Planning Services Committee

(H2a) Professional Services Contract with JLA for Columbia County Fire Rescue, Station 2 Replacement

Approved a Professional Services Contract with Johnson, Laschober & Associates, P.C. for the Fire Station 2 replacement project for the amount of \$224,000; 22620.32.010.

(H2b) Alcoholic Beverage License, Dharti 1982 LLC dba Speedy Liquor & Wine

Approved the alcoholic beverage license for Dharti 1982 LLC dba Speedy Liquor & Wine.

(H2c) Alcoholic Beverage License, Frey Enterprises LLC dba Buzzed Bull Creamery & Roll On In

Approved the Alcoholic Beverage License for Frey Enterprises LLC dba Buzzed Bull Creamery & Roll On In.

(H2d) Ancillary Dwelling, Tax Map 014 Parcel 108, 10.29 +/- acres, located at 130 Lake Ridge Trail, and currently zoned R-4 (Recreational Residential).

Approved the request for an ancillary dwelling to be placed on property located at Tax Map 014 108.

(H2e) Final Plat for Wrights Farm Section 2, Tax Map 075 Parcel 98, 21.33 +/- Acres, located off Wrightsboro Road, and currently zoned PUD (Planned Unit Development).

Approved the final plat and acceptance of all improvements and easements as depicted on the plat for Wrights Farm Section 2 with a warranty period for two years unless extended pursuant to County Code.

(H2f) Final Plat for Royal Oak and Linsmore Section II, Tax Map 051 Parcels 1719 & 1720, 4.62 +/- acres, located off Chamblin Road, and currently zoned PUD (Planned Unit Development).

Approved the final plat and acceptance of all improvements and easements as depicted on the plat for Royal Oak and Linsmore Section II with a warranty period for two years unless extended pursuant to County Code.

I. DEBATE AGENDA

(I1) New Business

(I1a) Management and Internal Services Committee

(I1a1) Proclamation for Columbia County Restaurant Week January 24 - 30, 2022

Commissioner Melear made a motion to approve the proclamation for Columbia County Restaurant Week for the week of January 24, 2022. Commissioner Skinner seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

(I1b) Development and Planning Services Committee

(I1b1) RZ22-01-01, Rezone from S-1 (Special) to R-A (Residential Agricultural), Tax Map 058 Parcel 020C, 7.34 +/- acres, located at 5457 Tubman Road, and currently zoned S-1 (Special).

Commissioner Skinner made a motion to approve the request for a rezoning from S-1 to R-A located at Tax Map 058 Parcel 020C. Vice Chairman Richardson seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

(I1b2) RZ22-01-02, Rezone from C-1 (Neighborhood Commercial) to M-1 (Light Industrial), Tax Map 078B Parcel 053, 0.68 +/- acres, located at 4165 Wheeler Road, and currently zoned C-1 (Neighborhood Commercial).

Commissioner Skinner made a motion to approve the request for a rezoning from C-1 to M-1 for property located at Tax Map 078B Parcel 053 in order to operate a cabinet shop on the property. Commissioner Melear seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

(I1b3) VA22-01-01, Variances to Sections 90-98 List of Lot & Structure Requirements and 90-139 Buffers and Screening, Tax Map 078B Parcel 053, 0.68 +/- acres, located at 4165 Wheeler Road, and currently zoned C-1 (Neighborhood Commercial).

Commissioner Skinner made a motion to approve the request for variances from Sections 90-98 List of Lot and Structure Requirements and 90-139 Buffers and Screening for property located at Tax Map 078B Parcel 053, 0.68 +/- acres subject to the following conditions:

Planning:

- 1. Building setbacks for the existing building shall be reduced to match the existing building location. Any additions or new construction must comply with the M-1 setbacks as per Section 90-98.*
 - 2. The buffer along the western property line shall be reduced to a 10-foot structural buffer.*
 - 3. The buffer along the rear property line shall be reduced to a structural buffer only, with no landscaping required. A solid fence must be installed along this property line to the rearmost point of the building.*
- Commissioner Galeas seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.*

(I1b4) RZ22-01-03, Major PUD (Planned Unit Development) Revision, Tax Map 060 Parcel 1702, 0.3 +/- acres, located at 1028 Bartram Ridge, and currently zoned PUD (Planned Unit Development).

Commissioner Skinner made a motion to approve the request for a Major PUD Revision for property located at Tax Map 060 Parcel 1702 to reduce the side setback subject to the following conditions:

Planning:

The side building setback is reduced to 7.5 feet for the east side property line, between the subject parcel and 1030 Bartram Ridge, only. All other property lines shall retain the setbacks as defined in the PUD.

Stormwater:

Revised grading plans are required and must be submitted and approved prior to construction continuing

on the site.

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

(I1b5) RZ22-01-04, Major PUD (Planned Unit Development) Revision, Tax Map 060 Parcel 1703, 0.35 +/- acres, located at 1030 Bartram Ridge, and currently zoned PUD (Planned Unit Development).

Commissioner Skinner made a motion to approve the request for a Major PUD Revision for property located at Tax Map 060 Parcel 1703 to reduce the side building setback to 7.5 feet subject to the following conditions:

Planning:

The reduction of the side setback to 7.5 feet shall only apply to the west property line adjacent to 1028 Bartram Ridge.

Stormwater:

Revised grading plans are required and must be submitted and approved prior to construction continuing on the site.

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

(I1b6) RZ22-01-05, Rezone from R-A (Residential Agricultural) to S-1 (Special), Tax Map 063 Parcel 003K, 21.2 +/- acres, located at 1209 Lakeview Drive, and currently zoned R-A (Residential Agricultural).

The applicant, Brett Cathey, was available to answer any questions.

Commissioner Skinner made a motion to approve the request for a rezoning from R-A to S-1 for property located at Tax Map 063 Parcel 003K, for a commercial concrete company subject to the following condition:

Planning:

The unpermitted structure must be permitted. To obtain a permit, an engineered stamped plan must be submitted confirming proper calculations have been done and the structure meets current codes.

Commissioner Melear seconded the motion. Chairman Duncan, Vice Chairman Richardson and Commissioners Melear and Skinner voted in favor of the motion. Commissioner Galeas voted against the motion. The motion carried.

(I1b7) Agreement with Schindler Elevator Corporation for the Harlem Library

Commissioner Skinner made a motion to approve an agreement with Schindler Elevator Corporation for the Harlem Library in the amount of \$9,567. Commissioner Galeas seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

(I1b8) Resolution Number 22-06 Halting the Issuance of New Alcohol License for Off-Premise Consumption of Distilled Spirits

Commissioner Melear made a motion to approve Resolution Number 22-06 Halting the Issuance of New Alcohol License for Off-Premise Consumption of Distilled Spirits. Vice Chairman Richardson 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

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