



**Columbia County Board of Commissioners Meeting
Minutes for Tuesday, February 1, 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.
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

Commissioner Dewey G. Galeas was not present

A. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Duncan called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

B. INVOCATION

Commissioner Skinner 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) January 18, 2022

Commissioner Melear made a motion to approve the minutes of the January 18, 2022 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 February 01, 2022 agenda.

G. SPECIAL RECOGNITION, PRESENTATION, AND / OR DECLARATION

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

(H1) Community and Emergency Services Committee

(H1a) Planters Communications Indefeasible Right-of-Use Agreement for Dark Fiber/White Oak Rd
Approved Planters Communication Indefeasible Right of Use Agreement for dark fiber for White Oak Road.

(H1b) Animal Services Donations

Approved the acceptance of donations in the amount of \$2,100 for Animal Services to provide medical care and spay/neuter of sheltered animals.

(H1c) An agreement with Executive CPR and First Aid Training

Approved an agreement with Executive CPR and First Aid Training.

(H1d) Motorola Mach Alert Service Contract Renewal

Approved the renewal agreement with Motorola Services for the Mach Alert.

(H2) Public Works and Engineering Services Committee

(H2a) Justice Center Renovations Professional Services Contract Revision with Chris Booker & Associates, P.C.

Approved the revisions to the contract with Chris Booker & Associates to provide professional services for the Justice Center Renovation project.

(H2b) Tom Bartles Road Waterline Extension for Keith Blaschke

Approved the acceptance of the donation of materials in the amount of \$103,863.61 from Keith Blaschke for the Tom Bartles water main extension project.

(H2c) Proposal, AMI/Flex-Net Expansion Project, Advanced Wireless Solutions, Inc.

Approved a proposal from Advanced Wireless Solutions, Inc. for the AMI/Flex-Net expansion project.

(H2d) A Proposal with Blair Construction to replace a 12" sewer line in the West Lake Subdivision

Approved a proposal from Blair Construction to replace a sewer line in the West Lake Subdivision in the amount of \$60,900; 511.5130.601090.

(H2e) Proposal from Georgia Power to provide safety lighting at various County intersections

Approved proposals from Georgia Power to provide safety lighting at the intersection of Appling Harlem Road and Innovation Parkway with an upfront pole cost of \$385.42 and an annual utility cost of \$905.40, Appling Harlem Road and Alliance Drive with an annual utility cost of \$301.80, Keg Creek Drive and Full Moon Drive with an annual utility cost of \$301.80, Ray Owens Road and Bennett Road with an annual utility cost of \$301.80, Ray Owens Road and Cobbham Road with an upfront pole cost of \$385.42 and an annual utility cost of \$1,207.20 and Ray Owens Road and Tom Bartles Road with an upfront pole cost of \$385.42 and an annual utility cost of \$301.80; line code 2342720.522080.20502.

(H2f) Updates to the Stormwater Service Fee Credit Manual

Approved the revision to the Stormwater Service Fee Credit Manual.

(H2g) Contract with Gearig Civilworks for Full Depth Reclamation on Arthur Grimaud Way

Approved a contract with Gearig Civilworks for full depth reclamation on Arthur Grimaud Way in an amount not to exceed \$60,000.

(H2h) Acceptance of all improvements and easements in Whispering Pines Section 5A

Approved the acceptance of all improvements and easements as depicted on the plat for Whispering Pines Section 5A with a warranty period for two years.

I. DEBATE AGENDA

(I1) New Business

(I1a) Development and Planning Services Committee

(I1a1) VA22-01-02, Variance to Section 90-98 List of Lot & Structure Requirements, Tax Map 070 Parcels 003I & 003B, 23.05 +/- and 9.9 +/- acres respectively, located at 3157 & 3165 Gordon Highway, and currently zoned C-C (Community Commercial).

Commissioner Skinner made a motion to approve the request for a variance to Section 90-98 List of Lot & Structure Requirements for property located at Tax Map 070 Parcels 003I & 003B to permit buildings to be constructed at a maximum height of 86 feet. Commissioner Melear seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

(I1a2) RZ22-01-06, Major S-1 (Special) Revision, Tax Map 050 Parcel 006B, 46.03 +/- acres, located at 5462 Columbia Road, and currently zoned S-1 (Special).

Commissioner Skinner made a motion to approve the request for a major revision to the current S-1 zoning for the property located at Tax Map 050 Parcel 006B to add an additional building to the site.

Commissioner Melear seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

(I1a3) VA22-01-03, Variance to Sections 90-98 List of Lot & Structure Requirements & 90-139 Buffers and Screening, Tax Map 074C Parcel 008, 3.38 +/- acres, located at 670 South Old Belair Road, and currently zoned M-1 (Light Industrial).

Commissioner Skinner made a motion to approve the request for a variance to Sections 90-98 List of Lot & Structure Requirements & 90-139 Buffers & Screening for property located at Tax Map 074C Parcel 008 to reduce building setbacks and buffers subject to the following conditions:

Planning:

1. Building setbacks are reduced to 10'. Structural buffers are waived adjacent to the following parcels: tax map 074C parcels 009, 111, 111C, & 210. Where required by Section 90-147 Use Provisions, the structural buffer shall be required as specified in that section. The structural buffer is reduced to 10' adjacent to all other property lines.

2. A photometric plan showing footcandle readings of 1.0 or less at the property line shall be submitted and reviewed at site plan review.

3. Dumpsters shall not be picked up except between the hours of 8AM and 11PM. Dumpster enclosures shall not be located adjacent to or within 40' of tax map 074C parcels 006 or 007.

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

(I1b) Public Works and Engineering Services Committee

(I1b1) Resolutions 22-03 through 22-05 to establish Street Light Districts in Crawford Creek South Phase IX, Johns Landing, and Kellarie Section 5A - *First Reading*

Vice Chairman Richardson made a motion to approve the first reading of Resolutions 22-03 through 22-05 to establish Street Light Districts in Crawford Creek South Phase IX, Johns Landing and Kellarie Section 5A. 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) George Snelling parcel 062 2923 for the Horizon South Parkway Road Widening Project

Vice Chairman Richardson made a motion to approve \$26,200 to George Snelling parcel 062 2923 for the Horizon South Parkway Road Widening Project. Commissioner Skinner seconded the motion. The motion

carried unanimously.

(M1b) Permanent and temporary easement needed for the Kelly Branch Sewer Phase II project from 3475 Riverwatch Parkway, LLC located at tax map 082 031A

Vice Chairman Richardson made a motion to accept the donation of additional permanent and temporary easement needed for the Kelly Branch Sewer Phase II project from 3475 Riverwatch Parkway, LLC located at tax map 082 031A. Commissioner Skinner seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

(M1c) Edward & Carol Willis parcel 077G 267, Phillip & Asuncion Edwards parcel 077G 1160, Loring Loney parcel 077G 1158, Jarus Myles parcel 077G 1162, Howard Prather II parcel 077G 1159, Ginny Sapp parcel 077G 176, Ajay Singh parcel 077G 1164, Robert Smith Jr parcel 077G 264, Ryan & Lindsay Straughn parcel 077G 268, Joseph & Amy Tapley parcel 077G 265 and Richard & Pilorendina Willis parcel 077G 257 for permanent and temporary easement needed for the Wynngate Sewer project

Vice Chairman Richardson a motion to approve \$3,300 to Edward & Carol Willis parcel 077G 267 and accept the donations from Phillip & Asuncion Edwards parcel 077G 1160, Loring Loney parcel 077G 1158, Jarus Myles parcel 077G 1162, Howard Prather II parcel 077G 1159, Ginny Sapp parcel 077G 176, Ajay Singh parcel 077G 1164, Robert Smith Jr parcel 077G 264, Ryan & Lindsay Straughn parcel 077G 268, Joseph & Amy Tapley parcel 077G 265 and Richard & Pilorendina Willis parcel 077G 257 for permanent and temporary easement needed for the Wynngate Sewer project. Commissioner Skinner seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

N. ADJOURNMENT

At 6:10 p.m. Vice Chairman Richardson made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Melear seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Signature on File

Douglas R. Duncan, Jr., Chairman

Signature on File

Patrice R. Crawley, County Clerk