



**Columbia County Board of Commissioners Meeting
Minutes for Tuesday, May 17, 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
John Luton - Community & Leisure Services
Chief Wallen - Fire 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 Galeas 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) May 03, 2022 minutes of the Board Meeting

Commissioner Melear made a motion to approve the minutes of the May 03, 2022 Board of Commissioners meeting as presented. Commissioner Skinner seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

(E2) May 03, 2022 minutes of the Budget Public Hearing

Commissioner Melear made a motion to approve the minutes of the May 03, 2022 Budget Public Hearing as presented. Commissioner Skinner seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

F. PRESENTATION AND APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Chairman Duncan presented the May 17, 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 Galeas made a motion to approve the consent agenda as presented. Commissioner Melear seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

(H1) Management and Internal Services Committee

(H1a) Uniform Services Renewal with Cintas Corporation

Approved the renewal contract with Cintas Corporation for uniform services.

(H1b) Renewal of contract for County-Wide Copier Services with Pollock Financial Services, Inc.

Approved the renewal contract with Pollock Financial Services, Inc. for county-wide copier services.

(H1c) External Auditing Services Renewal Contract with Cherry Bekaert, LLP.

Approved the renewal contract with Cherry Bekaert, LLP for external auditing services.

(H1d) Scanning America Contract Renewal #2

Approved the renewal contract with Scanning America.

(H1e) Renewal of Agreement with Fred Daniel Mapping Services

Approved the renewal agreement with Fred Daniel Mapping Services in the amount of \$41,400; 6516500.533035.

(H1f) Renewal of Agreement with Woolpert for Cityworks-related Hardware and Software Services

Approved the renewal agreement with Woolpert for Cityworks related hardware and software services in the amount of \$38,400; 6516500.533035.

(H1g) Renewal of the Agreement with Layer 3 Communications for Managed Security Services

Approved the renewal agreement with Layer 3 Communications for managed security services in the amount of \$77,000; 1011005.533035.

(H1h) Renewal of Agreement with Dell for Equipment and Services

Approved the renewal agreement with Dell for equipment and services.

(H1i) Renewal of Agreement with Mainline Information Systems

Approved the renewal agreement with Mainline Information Systems.

(H2) Public Works and Engineering Services Committee

(H2a) Georgia Department of Transportation Indemnification and Hold Harmless Agreement for Washington Road Gateway Landscape Improvements

Approved the Georgia Department of Transportation Indemnification and Hold Harmless Agreement for the Washington Road Gateway Landscape Improvement project.

(H3) Development and Planning Services Committee

(H3a) Variance Request APS Beverages LLC

Approved the request for a variance to Columbia County Code of Ordinance Section 06-56 Automatic Forfeiture to allow APS Beverages LLC alcoholic beverage license to remain active for an additional 90 days expiring September 28, 2022.

(H3b) Variance Request Riverwood Spirits LLC

Approved the request for a variance to Columbia County Code of Ordinance Section 06-56 Automatic Forfeiture to allow Riverwood Spirits LLC alcoholic beverage license to remain active for an additional 90 days expiring September 28, 2022.

(H3c) Variance Request Southern Wine Shop LLC dba Southern Beverage Outlet

Approved the request for a variance to Columbia County Code of Ordinance Section 06-56 Automatic Forfeiture to allow Southern Wine Shop LLC dba Southern Beverage Outlet alcoholic beverage license to remain active for an additional 184 days expiring December 31, 2022.

(H3d) Ancillary Dwelling, Tax Map 014 Portion of Parcel 110, 4.88 +/- acres of an overall 17.55 +/- acres, located at 170 Lake Ridge Trail, and currently zoned R-4 (Recreational Residential).
Approved the request to exceed 1,800 square feet in size for an ancillary dwelling on property located at Tax Map 014 110.

I. DEBATE AGENDA

(I1) Unfinished Business

(I1a) Development and Planning Services Committee

(I1a1) VA22-04-01, Variance to Sections 90-52 Ancillary Dwelling & 90-53 List of Lot & Structure Requirements, Tax Map 078H Parcel 167, 0.46 +/- acres, located at 4221 Green Ivy Lane, and currently zoned R-2 (Single Family Residential) - *Postponed from May 03, 2022 meeting*
Commissioner Skinner made a motion to approve the request for a variance from Section 90-52 Ancillary Dwelling located at Tax Map 078H Parcel 167 in order to retain an existing ancillary dwelling on property less than 20,000 square feet in area. Commissioner Galeas seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Skinner made a motion to approve the request for a variance from Section 90-53 List of Lot and Structure Requirements for Tax Map 078H Parcel 167 in order to retain an existing detached accessory (garage) structure on property less than 20,000 square feet in area subject to the following conditions:

- 1. The side setback is reduced for the existing detached garage building only. Any new buildings on the property, including reconstruction or replacement of the detached garage, must meet the required setbacks for the R-2 zoning district.*
- 2. No ancillary dwelling larger than 1700 square feet is allowed on the property.*
- 3. The existing structure must comply with all building and fire code requirements and must meet the architectural standards of the neighborhood.*

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

(I1a2) Ordinance 22-02 Amending Chapter 6, Alcoholic Beverages - *Second Reading*
Commissioner Skinner made a motion to approve the Second Reading of Ordinance Number 22-02 amending Chapter 6 Alcoholic Beverages and to go into effect the day after the second reading. Commissioner Melear seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

(I1a3) Ordinance 22-03 Amending Chapter 90, Zoning, Article III Commercial, Industrial, Professional, Special, Planned Unit Development and Planned Development Districts, Section 90-97, Allowed Uses; Article IV Supplemental Requirements, Section 90-147, Use Provisions - *Second Reading*

Commissioner Skinner made a motion to approve the Second Reading of Ordinance Number 22-03 amending Chapter 90 Zoning Article III Commercial, Industrial, Professional, Special, Planned Unit Development and Planned Development Districts, Section 90-97 Allowed Uses; Section 90-147 Use Provisions and to go into effect the day after the second reading. Commissioner Melear seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

(I1a4) Resolutions 22-13 to establish a Street Light District in Jackson Heights, Phase I - *Second Reading*

Commissioner Skinner made a motion to approve the Second Reading of Resolution 22-13 to establish a Street Light District in Jackson Heights, Phase I. Vice Chairman Richardson seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

(I2) New Business

(I2a) Community and Emergency Services Committee

(I2a1) FY22 Service Agreement for Hattie Mae and Deborah Marshall Memorial Scholarship Fund
Commissioner Galeas made a motion to approve the Service Agreement for the Hattie Mae and Deborah Marshall Memorial Scholarship Fund. Vice Chairman Richardson seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

(I2b) Management and Internal Services Committee

(I2b1) Drainage Basin Advisory Council and Civil Service Commission Appointments
Commissioner Melear made a motion to appoint Nate Hobbs to the Drainage Basin Advisory Council and Bobby Gagnon to the Civil Service Commission with the term ending December 31, 2022. Commissioner Skinner seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

(I2c) Development and Planning Services Committee

(I2c1) RZ22-05-03 Part I, Rezone R-1 (Single Family Residential) to S-1 (Special), Tax Map 077 Parcel 065, 6.16 +/- portion of 11.97 +/- acres total, located at 825 Furrys Ferry Road, and currently zoned R-1 (Single Family Residential).

RZ22-05-03 Part II, Major S-1 (Special) Revision, Tax Map 077 Parcel 064, 1.76 +/- acres, located at 837 Furrys Ferry Road, and currently zoned S-1 (Special).

Commissioner Skinner made a motion to approve the request for a rezoning from R-1 to S-1 for 6.16 +/- acres as depicted on the preliminary plat prepared for BAPS Augusta LLC by Carolina Land Surveying LLC on 02/22/2022 for property located at Tax Map 077 Parcel 065. Commissioner Melear seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Skinner made a motion to approve the request for a revision of S-1 zoning for property located at Tax Map 077 Parcel 064 for an expansion of the existing place of worship and to provide more recreation areas subject to the following conditions:

Planning:

- 1. For the new development, all lighting on the site shall be shielded and directed away from adjacent residentially zoned properties. A photometric plan, showing that footcandle measurements are 1.0 or less at the property line, shall be provided prior to site plan approval.*
- 2. A combination plat for the subject parcels (including 6.16 +/- acre portion) shall be submitted and recorded prior to site plan approval.*

Vice Chairman Richardson 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) Patrick McNamara, Tax Parcel # 071 004C, to obtain right of way and/or easements for the Hardy McManus Road Widening Project

Vice Chairman Richardson made a motion to approve \$43,600 to Patrick McNamara, Tax Parcel # 071 004C, to obtain right of way and/or easements for the Hardy McManus Road Widening Project.

Commissioner Melear seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

(M1b) Matthew McDowell, Tax Parcel # 065 016A to obtain right of way and/or easements for the Hardy McManus Road Widening Project

Vice Chairman Richardson made a motion to approve \$3,600 to Matthew McDowell, Tax Parcel # 065 016A to obtain right of way and/or easements for the Hardy McManus Road Widening Project.

Commissioner Melear seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

(M1c) Kara Blackburn, Tax Parcel # 065 013 to obtain right of way and/or easements for the Hardy McManus Road Widening Project

Vice Chairman Richardson made a motion to approve \$100,000 to Kara Blackburn, Tax Parcel # 065 013 to obtain right of way and/or easements for the Hardy McManus Road Widening Project. Commissioner Melear seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

N. ADJOURNMENT

At 6:16 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