



**Columbia County Board of Commissioners Meeting
Minutes of Tuesday, June 21, 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:
Leanne Reece - Internal Services
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 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) June 7, 2022

Commissioner Melear made a motion to approve the minutes of the June 07, 2022 Board of Commissioners meeting as presented. Commissioner Skinner seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

F. PRESENTATION AND APPROVAL OF THE 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) Nulla Bona Report for June 2022

Approved the June 2022 Nulla Bona report.

(H1b) Extension of the State Properties Commission Agreement for the Department of Family & Children Services

Approved the extension agreement with the State Properties Commission for the Department of Family & Children Services.

(H1c) Extension of the State Properties Commission Agreement for the Department of Driver Services

Approved the extension agreement with the State Properties Commission for the Department of Driver Services.

(H1d) Extension of the State Properties Commission Agreement for the Department of Community Supervision

Approved the extension agreement with the State Properties Commission for the Department of Community Supervision.

(H1e) EyeMed Vision Renewal

Approved the renewal with EyeMed Vision Care, LLC.

(H1f) Mission Square – Mesirow Financial Investment Management, Inc. Advisory Services Agreement

Approved the Mesirow Financial Investment Management, Inc. Advisory Services Agreement.

(H1g) Community Correctional Services Agreement with Client Management Systems, Inc for Probate Court

Approved the agreement with Client Management Systems, Inc. for Community Correctional Services for Probate Court.

(H1h) Renewal Agreement Number 2 with Ceres Environmental Services, Inc. for Disaster Debris Management Services

Approved renewal agreement number two with Ceres Environmental Services, Inc. for Disaster Debris Management Services.

(H1i) Renewal Agreement Number 2 with Debris Tech, Inc. for Disaster Debris Monitoring Services

Approved renewal agreement number two with Debris Tech, Inc. for Disaster Debris Monitoring Services.

(H1j) Criminal Justice Coordinating Council Accountability Courts Grant

Approved the acceptance of grant number J23-8-132 from the Criminal Justice Coordinating Council for the Columbia County Accountability Court in the amount of \$308,299.

(H1k) FY 2022/2023 ACCG Property and Liability Insurance Renewal

Approved the Fiscal Year 2022/2023 ACCG Property and Liability Insurance Renewal worksheet in the amount of \$538,753; 6116100.533130.

(H1l) Rejection of Bid # 2022001-BID1414 County Trucks - Fleet

Approved the rejection of bid number 2022001-BID1414 County Trucks.

(H1m) Justice Center Surveillance Replacement with A3 Communications

Approved the purchase from A3 Communications of the Justice Center Surveillance Replacement in the amount of \$250,000; 3503550.601090.35529.

(H1n) Justice Center Network Upgrade

Approved the Justice Center network upgrade in the amount of \$215,000; 22810.32.029.

(H2) Development and Planning Services Committee

(H2a) Independent Contractor Agreement with Maner Builders Supply for the Lonnie Morris Park Sports Fencing Replacement

Approved the agreement with Maner Builders Supply for sports fencing at the Lonnie Morris Park in the amount of \$180,772.

(H2b) Quote 2022009-1415: Fire and Intrusion Monitoring Services

Approved an agreement with Acom Integrated Solutions for Fire and Intrusion Monitoring Services.

(H2c) Columbia County Sheriff's Office New Administration Building Furniture

Approved purchasing furniture for the new Sheriff's Office Administration Building from multiple state contracts in an amount not to exceed \$370,000.

(H2d) Alcoholic Beverage License, Thurmond Marina LLC dba Clarks Hill Marina

Approved the alcoholic beverage license for Thurmond Marina LLC dba Clarks Hill Marina.

(H2e) Alcoholic Beverage License, Floors 360, Inc. dba Bartram Trail Golf Club, Inc.

Approved the alcoholic beverage license for Floors 360, Inc. dba Bartram Trail Golf Club, Inc.

(H2f) Easement Encroachment Agreement at 395 Pump House Road

Approved the Easement Encroachment Agreement for 395 Pump House Road.

I. DEBATE AGENDA

(I1) Unfinished Business

(I1a) Public Works and Engineering Services Committee

(I1a1) Ordinance Number 22-04 amending Chapter 18; Article IX, Wireless Telecommunications Facilities; Sec. 18-315 - *Second Reading*

Vice Chairman Richardson made a motion to approve the second reading of Ordinance Number 22-04 amending Chapter 18; Article IX, Wireless Telecommunications Facilities; Section 18-315 to go into effect the day after the second reading. Commissioner Melear seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

(I1a2) Resolutions 22-15 through 22-20 to establish Street Light Districts in Anderson Farms, Section II; Hawes Creek; Kellarie, Section 5B; Royal Oak & Linsmore, Section II; Whispering Pines, Section 5A; and Wrights Farm, Section II - *Second Reading*

Vice Chairman Richardson made a motion to approve the Second Reading of Resolutions 22-15 through 22-20 to establish Street Light Districts in Anderson Farms Section II, Hawes Creek, Kellarie Section 5B, Royal Oak & Linsmore Section II, Whispering Pines Section 5A and Wrights Farm Section II. Commissioner Skinner seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

(I2) New Business

(I2a) Management and Internal Services Committee

(I2a1) Resolution 22-23 Adopting an Annual Budget for All Funds of Columbia County Georgia for Fiscal Year 2022/2023

County Manager Johnson explained that the budget was balanced using a zero-based budgeting method with no property tax increase and no new programs unless authorized by the Board. Commissioner Melear made a motion to approve Resolution Number 22-23 adopting an Annual Budget for All Funds of Columbia County, Georgia for Fiscal Year 2022/2023. Commissioner Skinner seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

(I2a2) Amendment to the Comprehensive Policy Number 204.1 Hiring Process

Commissioner Melear made a motion to amend Comprehensive Policy Number 204.1 Hiring Process as presented. Commissioner Skinner seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

(I2a3) U.S. Geological Survey (USGS) Joint Funding Agreement for Water Resource Investigations

Emergency Management Director Granato explained that this agreement is with USGS to operate and maintain two streamgages to be located at Euchee Creek and Reed Creek. These gages will provide water level and discharge readings. Commissioner Melear a motion to approve the U.S. Geological Survey Joint Funding Agreement for water resource investigations. Commissioner Skinner seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

(I2b) Development and Planning Services Committee

(I2b1) RZ22-05-05, Major PUD (Planned Unit Development) Revision, Tax Map 065 Parcel 1452, 0.29 +/- acres, located at 935 Ellis Lane, 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 065 Parcel 1452 to revise the front setbacks for a proposed pool house to 16 ft 7 in and the proposed fence to 7 ft 6 in from the property line. Commissioner Galeas seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

(I2b2) RZ22-06-01, Rezone C-2 (General Commercial) & C-3 (Heavy Commercial) to C-2 (General Commercial), Tax Map 082E Parcel 013C, 2.03 +/- acres, located at 191 Baston Road, and currently split zoned C-2 (General Commercial) & C-3 (Heavy Commercial).

Commissioner Skinner made a motion to approve the request for a rezoning from C-3 to C-2 for a portion of property located at Tax Map 082E Parcel 013C. Commissioner Melear seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

(I2b3) VA22-06-01, Variance to Sections 90-98 List of Lot & Structure Requirements & 90-139 Buffers & Screening, Tax Map 082E Parcel 013C, 2.03 +/- acres, located at 191 Baston Road, and currently split zoned C-2 (General Commercial) & C-3 (Heavy Commercial).

Commissioner Skinner made a motion to approve the request for a variance to Sections 90-98 List of Lot & Structure Requirements and 90-139 Buffers & Screening to reduce building setbacks from 20 ft to 19 ft on the west property line only and reduce buffers from 30 ft to 12 ft along the west property line, 30 ft to 4 ft along the south west property line, 30 ft to 20 ft along the western property line and waived the buffer requirement along the southern property line for property located at Tax Map 082E Parcel 013C. Commissioner Melear 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) Personnel

(M1a) Employee cost of living

Commissioner Melear made a motion to approve a cost of living increase for all eligible employees to be effective July 03, 2022. Vice Chairman Richardson 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