



**Columbia County Board of Commissioners Meeting
Minutes for Tuesday, August 2, 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:
Kyle Titus - Engineering Services
Scott Sterling - Planning Services
Chief Jeremy 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 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) July 19, 2022

Commissioner Melear made a motion to approve the minutes of the July 19, 2022 Board of Commissioners meeting as presented. Commissioner Skinner seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

F. PRESENTATION AND APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

(F1) Addition of Item I2a Reconsideration of the action taken at the July 19, 2022 meeting on RZ22-06-04

County Manager Johnson requested to add Item I2a Reconsideration of the action taken at the July 19, 2022 meeting.

G. SPECIAL RECOGNITION, PRESENTATION, AND / OR DECLARATION

(G1) Presentation

(G1a) Mr. Floyd Everett, President, Blinded Veterans Association Augusta Chapter, to speak about the mission of the BVA

President Floyd Everett of the Blinded Veterans Association Augusta Chapter spoke about the mission of the BVA.

(G1b) Steven Clayborn to speak against RZ-22-07-05

Chairman Duncan stated that people who are going to speak on an agenda item will do so when that item is presented.

(G1c) Shawn Clayborn to speak against RZ22-07-05

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. Commissioner Skinner seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

(H1) Management and Internal Services Committee

(H1a) Criminal Justice Coordinating Council BJA Adult Drug Court Grant Q19-8-027 for Drug Court

Approved the acceptance of the Criminal Justice Coordinating Council BJA Adult Drug Court Grant Q19-08-027 for drug court.

(H2) Public Works and Engineering Services Committee

(H2a) Proposal from Axon Enterprises, Inc. for the Columbia County Sheriff's Office Administration Building Interrogation Room Equipment

Approved the proposal from Axon Enterprises, Inc. to provide the equipment and services at the Sheriff's Office Administration Building with a do not exceed cost of \$100,000; 22820.32.029.

(H2b) BID #2022028-BID2720 Columbia County Sheriff's Office Real Time Crime Center, Utilicom Supply Associates, LLC.

Approved awarding the bid and issuing a purchase order to Utilicom Supply Associates, LLC to provide and install the systems and equipment for the Sheriff's Office Real Time Crime Center in the amount of \$569,022.45; 22640.32.029.

(H2c) Purchase, Jim Blanchard WTP Main Switchgear Upgrades, Yancey Power Systems

Approved the purchase from Yancey Power Systems for main switchgear upgrades at the Jim Blanchard WTP in the amount of \$299,685.55; 511.5105.601081.

(H2d) Safety Lighting at the Intersections of Louisville Road at Oakwood Pointe Road and Washington Road at Ridge Road

Approved for Georgia Power to install street lights at the intersections of Louisville Road at Oakwood Pointe Road and Washington Road at Ridge Road with an upfront pole cost of \$385.42 and an estimated annual cost of \$621.36; 2342710.522080.20502.

(H2e) Resolution 22-25 to Amend One Marshall Place Street Light District #1994-322

Approved Resolution Number 22-25 to amend One Marshall Place Street Light District Number 1994-322.

(H2f) Lighting Service Agreement with Georgia Power for the lighting at the Gateway Blvd Roundabout

Approved the Lighting Service Agreement with Georgia Power to install six safety lights at Gateway Blvd Roundabout for the upfront cost of \$18,785 and estimated monthly cost of \$112.02.

(H2g) Contract with Georgia Department of Transportation for Right of Way in the Hereford Farm Road Widening (PI #0012865) project

Approved the contract with the Georgia Department of Transportation for right of way in the Hereford Farm Road Widening project in the amount of \$15,390,000; 91306.27.050.

(H2h) Contract with American Environmental and Construction Services for Hot Spot Excavation, Disposal, and Restoration

Approved the contract with American Environmental and Construction Services for hot spot excavation, disposal and restoration in an amount to not exceed \$45,480.10; 91309.24.015.

(H2i) Acceptance of Improvements for MSG Clear Sky, LLC

Approved the acceptance of a permanent utility easement as shown on the plat by James G. Swift and Associated dated March 02, 2022 contingent upon staff's approval.

(H2j) Acceptance of Improvements for River Island Section 2, Phase 3

Approved the acceptance of all improvements and easements for River Island Section 2, Phase 3 as depicted on the plat for River Island Section 2 contingent upon staff's approval.

(H2k) Acceptance of Improvements for River Oaks Phase 2

Approved the acceptance of all improvements and easements for River Oaks Phase 2 as depicted on the plat prepared by Jachens Land Surveying, Inc. dated June 27, 2022 contingent upon staff's approval.

I. DEBATE AGENDA

(I1) New Business

(I1a) Management and Internal Services Committee

(I1a1) Resolution 22-24 to Establish the Millage Rate for Purposes of Computing Ad Valorem Taxes on Property in Columbia County, Georgia for Calendar Year 2022

Commissioner Melear made a motion to approve Resolution Number 22-24 as presented and authorize the Chairman to sign all required forms and documents. Commissioner Galeas seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

(I1b) Development and Planning Services Committee

(I1b1) RZ22-07-05, Rezoning from R-A (Residential Agricultural) to S-1 (Special), 3448 Gordon Highway, Tax Map 054 Parcel 010, 17.67 +/- Acres, and currently zoned R-A (Residential Agricultural). - *Postponed to August 16, 2022*

Steven Clayborn and Shawn Clayborn stated their concerns about the request for rezoning.

Commissioner Skinner made a motion to postpone the request for a rezoning from R-A to S-1 for property located at Tax Map 054 Parcel 010 to the August 16, 2022 meeting. Vice Chairman Richardson seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

(I1b2) RZ22-07-06, Rezoning from R-2 (Single Family Residential) to C-C (Community Commercial), off Furys Ferry Road, Tax Map 081A Parcel 029D, 2.95 +/- acres, and currently zoned R-2 (Single Family Residential).

Commissioner Skinner made a motion to approve the request to withdraw RZ22-07-06 without prejudice. Commissioner Melear seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

(I1c) Public Works and Engineering Services Committee

(I1c1) Contract with Tanko Lighting for Streetlight Procedure Update Services

Vice Chairman Richardson made a motion to approve the contract with Tanko Lighting for Streetlight Procedure update services in the amount of \$40,000; 1011001.533001. Commissioner Skinner seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

(I2) Items Added at the Meeting

(I2a) Reconsideration of the action taken at the July 19, 2022 meeting on RZ22-06-04

Leeanne Usry stated why her request for a conditional use should be granted.

Commissioner Skinner made a motion to reconsider the action taken at the July 19, 2022 Commission Meeting on RZ22-06-04 request for a conditional use for a tattoo parlor, Tax Map 079 Parcel 098D. Chairman Duncan seconded the motion. Chairman Duncan, Vice Chairman Richardson and Commissioner Skinner voted in favor of the motion. Commissioners Melear and Galeas voted against the motion. The motion carried.

Commissioner Skinner made a motion to approve the request for a conditional use for single needle tattoo on the property located at Tax Map 079 Parcel 098D with the following condition:

- 1. The approval of single needle tattoo is for Suites 8 & 9 only.*

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

J. LEGAL MATTERS

K. REQUESTS FOR REVIEW BY COMMITTEE

L. PUBLIC COMMENTS AND PARTICIPATION

M. EXECUTIVE SESSION

(M1) Property

(M1a) Joey & Angela Culverhouse Tax Map 065014G, William Polatty Tax Map 065014L, Hoke Brantley Tax Map 065030, William & Rita Tannehill Tax Map 065035, Michael & Peggy McAteer Tax Map 065015C, Hyung Yun Ward Tax Map 065015D and Spirit Master Funding IX, LLC. Tax Map 071002I to obtain right of way and/or easements for the Hardy McManus Road widening project
Vice Chairman Richardson made a motion to approve \$1,300 to Joey & Angela Culverhouse Tax Map 065014G, \$14,000 to William Polatty Tax Map 06514L, \$3,500 to Hoke Brantley Tax Map 065030, \$3,400 to William & Rita Tannehill Tax Map 065035, \$8,100 to Michael & Peggy McAteer Tax Map 065015C, \$10,400 to Hyung Yun Ward Tax Map 065015D, \$21,300 to Spirit Master Funding IX, LLC. Tax Map 071002I 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) James & Cynthia Rachels parcel 074 013N

Vice Chairman Richardson made a motion to accept the donation of 141 square feet of parcel 074 013N

from James & Cynthia Rachels. Commissioner Galeas seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

(M1c) Learning Junction, Inc. Tax Map 072256 to obtain permanent and temporary easement for the Gibbs Road Fire Station sewer line project

Vice Chairman Richardson made a motion to approve \$12,000 to Learning Junction, Inc. Tax Map 072256 to obtain permanent and temporary easement for the Gibbs Road Fire Station sewer line project.

Commissioner Melear seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

(M1d) Temporary easement from Lauren & Marcus Schuler Tax Map 077G212 for the Wynngate sewer project

Vice Chairman Richardson made a motion to accept the donation of temporary easement from Lauren & Marcus Schuler Tax Map 077G312 for the Wynngate sewer project. Commissioner Melear seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

N. ADJOURNMENT

At 6:51 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