Columbia County Board of Commissioners Meeting
Minutes of Tuesday, October 4, 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 Services
Chief Jeremy 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
Vice Chairman Richardson 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) September 20, 2022
Commissioner Melear made a motion to approve the minutes of the September 20, 2022 Board of Commissioners meeting as presented. Vice Chairman Richardson seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

F. PRESENTATION AND APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

(F1) Addition of Item I2a Renewal of Contract with Anthem Blue Cross and Blue Shield, Item I2b Proposal and Contract with United HealthCare Services, Inc. and Item I2c Resolution Number 22-31 Temporarily Halting the Issuance of New Billboard Permits within Unzoned Property
County Manager Johnson requested to add Item I2a, I2b and I2c to the agenda. Chairman Duncan presented the agenda with the requested additions.

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

(H1) Community and Emergency Services Committee

(H1a) Animal Services Donations
Approved the acceptance of $500 from Deborah Rabe and $100 from K&S Alterations to Animal Services for the shelter and spay/neuter of animals.

(H1b) Service Agreement with the City of Harlem Oliver Hardy Festival
Approved the Service Agreement with the City of Harlem Oliver Hardy Festival.

(H1c) The Family Y Steiner Branch Lease Agreement
Approved a Lease Agreement with The Family Y for the Steiner Branch.

(H2) Development and Planning Services Committee

(H2a) Alcoholic Beverage License for JK In Evans LLC dba Chef JK Korean BBQ Master
Approved the alcoholic beverage license for JK in Evans LLC. dba Chef JK Korean BBQ Master.

(H2b) Alcohol License for Laxmi II LLC dba Gas World 11
Approved the alcohol license for Laxmi II LLC. dba Gas World 11.

(H3) Public Works and Engineering Services Committee

(H3a) Award Bid Number 202209-BID5100 and Contract to Blair Construction, Inc. for the Ronald Reagan Sewer Line Project
Approved awarding the bid and contract to Blair Construction, Inc. for the Ronald Reagan sewer line project in the amount of $329,940; 511.5130.601090.

(H3b) Maintenance Agreement, Power Systems Equipment, Yancey Power Systems
Approved a Maintenance Agreement with Yancey Power Systems in the amount of $95,208.75; 511.5000.533035 & 511.5105.533035.

(H3c) Purchase, Two Cab & Chassis, Peterbilt of Atlanta
Approved the purchase of two Peterbilt cab and chassis from Peterbilt of Atlanta in the amount of $234,920; 511.5125.601081.

(H3d) Purchase, Pumper Truck, Peterbilt of Atlanta
Approved the purchase of a pumper truck from Peterbilt of Atlanta in the amount of $209,999.72; 511.5130.601081.

(H3e) Purchase, Single Axle CDL Dump Truck, Peterbilt of Atlanta
Approved the purchase of a single axle CDL dump truck from Peterbilt of Atlanta in the amount of $133,346.33; 511.5155.601081.

(H3f) Purchase, Compact Track Loader, Yancey Bros.
Approved the purchase of a compact track loader from Yancey Bros in the amount of $164,936; 511.5130.601081.

(H3g) Purchase of Two Replacement Dump Trucks from Peterbilt of Atlanta
Approved the purchase of two dump trucks from Peterbilt of Atlanta in the amount of $264,926; 611.6100.601079.

(H3h) Traffic Signal and Intersection Improvements Agreement with Keck & Wood for Washington Road Corridor
Approved the Traffic Signal and Intersection Improvements Agreement with Keck & Wood for the intersections of Washington Road at N. Belair Road, Evans to Locks Road, Ronald Reagan Drive and Faircloth Drive in the amount of $115,916.13; 22319.32.015.

(H3i) Cell Phone allowances for Traffic Signal Technicians
Approved smart phone allowances in the amount of $1,440 a year for Traffic Signal Technicians beginning with the pay period of October 09, 2022.

(H3j) Rejection of RFQ# 2022003-RFQ2720 for The Pass Sidewalk Extension
Approved the rejection of RFQ#2022003-RFQ2720 for The Pass sidewalk extension.

(H3k) Agreement with Alfred Benesch & Company for the I-20 Gateway Signage and Landscaping Project
Approved the agreement with Alfred Benesch & Company for the I-20 Gateway Signage and Landscaping project in the amount of $68,750; 3503550.601090.35506.

(H3l) Community Rating System (CRS) Recertification
Approved the Annual Community Rating System (CSR) Recertification form.

(H3m) Acceptance of improvements for Hanover Place, LLC
Approved the acceptance of improvements for Hanover Place, LLC to include the water and sanitary sewer, along with the easements associated as specified and depicted on a plat prepared by James G. Swift and Associates dated August 26, 2022 contingent upon staff's approval.

(H3n) Acceptance of improvements for APS Tanner Court Investments, LLC
Approved the acceptance of improvements for APS Tanner Court Investments, LLC. to include all storm and sanitary sewer infrastructure and associated easements as depicted on the plat prepared by James G. Swift and Associates dated September 2, 2022 contingent upon staff's approval.

(H3o) Acceptance of Right of Way for Edmondson Moncrief, LLC
Approved the acceptance of right of way for Edmondson Moncrief, LLC. Parcel Number 078 125 as shown on plat by Southern Partners, Inc. dated September 01, 2022 contingent upon staff's approval.

(H3p) Acceptance of improvements for Grand Oak River Island, LLC
Approved acceptance of improvements for Grand Oak River Island, LLC. to include a sidewalk and associated easement abutting Blackstone Camp Rd right of way, a sanitary sewer service manhole and associated easement, and a master meter water service easement, all as specified and depicted on the plat for Grand Oak River Island, LLC. prepared by Southern Partners, Inc. dated August 25, 2022 contingent upon staff's approval.

(H3q) Stormwater Awareness Week Proclamation
Approved a proclamation proclaiming the last week of September as Stormwater Awareness Week.

I. DEBATE AGENDA

(I1) New Business

(I1a) Development and Planning Services Committee

(I1a1) Hearing on the revocation of the Alcohol Beverage License for Stay Social Tap & Table, LLC

Chairman Duncan opened the hearing on the revocation of the Alcohol Beverage License for Stay Social Tap & Table, LLC. County Manager Johnson explained that Stay Social Tap & Table, LLC. was not meeting the Alcoholic Beverage License requirement of deriving at least 50 percent of the total annual gross sales from the sale of prepared food. The County called Paul Scarbary, Director of Development Services, and Robbie Bennett, Executive Director of the Development Authority, to answer questions. Licensee Renee Hajek explained that the information provided was not based on official sales records but rather casual conversation regarding total income. Additionally, their menu is being modified to accommodate the astronomic increase in food costs, which should be completed and implemented by mid-month. Josue Garcia, Ms. Hajek's CPA, explained that the information provided was from the P&L, not an audited financial statement. After the Board finished questioning the licensee and staff, Chairman Duncan closed the hearing.

Commissioner Skinner made a motion to revoke the Alcoholic Beverage License for Stay Social Tap & Table, LLC. Commissioner Galeas seconded the motion. Vice Chairman Richardson and Commissioners Melear, Skinner and Galeas voted in favor of the motion. Chairman Duncan voted against the motion. The motion carried.

(I1a2) RZ22-09-02, Rezoning from R-A (Residential Agricultural) to R-1A (Single Family Residential), Tax Map 052 Parcel 101, located off Harlem Grovetown Road, 102.8 +/- acres, and currently zoned R-A (Residential Agricultural).

Applicant Mark Ivey was available to answer questions.

Commissioner Skinner made a motion to approve the request for a rezoning from R-A to R-1A for property located at Tax Map 052 Parcel 101 subject to the following conditions:

Planning:

1. All lots shall be connected to public water and sewer.

2. Prior to preliminary plat approval, the applicant shall provide concurrence from the City of Grovetown that all off-site road improvements have been reviewed and approved by the City.

Commission:

1. Sidewalks are required on at least one side of the roads, and shall be a minimum of 5 feet wide with a minimum 6-foot planting strip between the curb and the sidewalk.

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

Commissioner Melear made a motion to approve the request for a rezoning from R-A to R-1A for property located at Tax Map 052 Parcel 101 subject to the following conditions:

Planning:

1. All lots shall be connected to public water and sewer.

2. Prior to preliminary plat approval, the applicant shall provide concurrence from the City of Grovetown that all off-site road improvements have been reviewed and approved by the City.

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

Vice Chairman Richardson made a motion to approve the request for a rezoning from R-A to R-1A for property located at Tax Map 052 Parcel 101 subject to the following conditions:

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1. All lots shall be connected to public water and sewer.

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Commission:

1. Sidewalks are required on at least one side of the roads, and shall be a minimum of 5 feet wide with a minimum 6-foot planting strip between the curb and the sidewalk.

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

(I2) Items Added at the Meeting

(I2a) Renewal of Contract with Blue Cross Blue Shield Healthcare Plan of Georgia, Inc. dba Anthem Blue Cross and Blue Shield
Commissioner Melear made a motion to not renew the contract with Blue Cross Blue Shield Healthcare Plan of Georgia, Inc. dba Anthem Blue Cross and Blue Shield. Commissioner Skinner seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

(I2b) Proposal and Contract with United HealthCare Services, Inc.
Commissioner Melear made a motion to accept the proposal by United HealthCare Services, Inc. and give the Chairman the authority to sign any necessary documents to finalize a contract. Vice Chairman Richardson seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

(I2c) Resolution Number 22-31 Temporarily Halting the Issuance of New Billboard Permits
Commissioner Skinner made a motion to approve Resolution 22-31 Temporarily Halting the Issuance of New Billboard Permits within Unzoned Property. Commissioner Melear seconded the motion. The motion carried.

J. LEGAL MATTERS

K. REQUESTS FOR REVIEW BY COMMITTEE

L. PUBLIC COMMENTS AND PARTICIPATION

(L1) Katie Allen, Lynda Brown, Maria Russell and Chris Johnson would like to speak concerning the Dominion voting machines.
Maria Russell, Lynda Brown, Christina Johnson and Katie Allen spoke concerning the issues with Dominion voting machines and requested that the Board recommend and support using paper ballots.

Nikki Agrillo spoke in favor of Stay Social keeping their Alcoholic Beverage license.

M. EXECUTIVE SESSION

(M1) Property

(M1a) Julie & Randall Williams parcel 077G214 and a portion of parcel 077G213 from Sean Dougherty for the permanent and temporary easement for the Wynngate Sewer project.
Vice Chairman Richardson made a motion to approve $12,207 to Julie & Randall Williams parcel 077G214 and accept the donation of a portion of parcel 077G213 from Sean Dougherty for permanent and temporary easements for the Wynngate Sewer project. Commissioner Melear seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

N. ADJOURNMENT
Commissioner Galeas made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:35 p.m. Vice Chairman Richardson seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Signature on File	Signature on File
Douglas R. Duncan, Jr., Chairman	Patrice R. Crawley, County Clerk