



**Columbia County Board of Commissioners Meeting
Minutes of Tuesday, November 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.
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
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

Chairman Duncan 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) October 18, 2022

Commissioner Melear made a motion to approve the minutes of the October 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 agenda.

G. SPECIAL RECOGNITION, PRESENTATION, AND / OR DECLARATION

(G1) Executive Director Blackburn to give an update of the Convention & Visitors Bureau accomplishments and future plans

Convention & Visitors Bureau Executive Director Blackburn gave an update of their accomplishments and future plans.

H. CONSENT AGENDA

In accordance with Columbia County Code of Ordinance Section 2-81(6), the following items were voted on collectively. Vice Chairman Richardson made a motion to approve the consent agenda as presented.

Commissioner Melear seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

(H1) Community and Emergency Services Committee

(H1a) Purchase of Portable Restroom Trailer from Comforts of Home Services, Inc. for Community Services

Approved the purchase of a portable restroom trailer from Comforts of Home Services, Inc. in the amount of \$59,590; 1011010.601090.

(H1b) Animal Services Donations

Approved the acceptance of \$250 to the Columbia County Animal Services for the shelter and spay/neuter of animals in the care of Animal Services; 2250301.433019.01713.

(H1c) Mutual Aid Agreement between Columbia County, GA and Fort Gordon, GA

Approved the mutual aid agreement with Fort Gordon.

(H2) Public Works and Engineering Services Committee

(H2a) Independent Contractor Agreement with Turnipseed Engineers for Crawford Creek Generators & Reuse System project

Approved an Independent Contractor Agreement with Turnipseed Engineers for Crawford Creek Generators & Reuse System project in the amount of \$29,633; 511.5115.601081.

(H2b) Change Order No. Two, Woodbridge Pump Station, L & L Utilities, Inc.

Approved change order number two with L&L Utilities, Inc. for the Woodbridge Pump Station in the amount of -\$289,300.59; 57037.25.015.645.

(H2c) Independent Contractor Agreement with Infrastructure Systems, Management, LLC. for the Horizon South & Hardy McManus Road Water/Sewer Relocation Management project

Approved the Independent Contractor Agreement with Infrastructure Systems, Management LLC. for the Horizon South and Hardy McManus Road water/sewer relocation management project in the amount of \$52,500; 511.5140.533060.

(H2d) Independent Contractor Agreement with Keck & Wood for a traffic engineering report for SR 104/Washington Road

Approved the Independent Contractor Agreement with Keck & Wood for a traffic engineering report for SR 104 Washington Road in the amount of \$29,450; 22319.32.015.

(H2e) Purchase of a Peterbilt Dump Truck from Peterbilt of Atlanta

Approved the purchase of a Peterbilt dump truck from Peterbilt of Atlanta in the amount of \$133,346.33; 5215200.601082.

(H2f) Independent Contractor Agreement with Bluewater Engineering for Waltons Pass Drainage System Improvements

Approved the Independent Contractor Agreement with Bluewater Engineering for Waltons Pass drainage system improvements in the amount of \$19,975; 5215200.601100.

(H2g) Phase II Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4) Permit Notice of Intent (NOI)

Approved Phase II Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4) Permit Notice of Intent.

(H2h) Acceptance for improvements for Brighton Park Apartments, LLC

Approved the acceptance of the permanent utility easement and associated water utility infrastructure as shown on the plat prepared by H&C Surveying dated September 20, 2022 off Whiskey Road contingent upon staff's approval.

(H2i) Change Order 3 with Reeves Construction Company for the Savannah Rapids Pavilion Parking Lot Project

Approved change order number 3 with Reeves Construction Company for the Savannah Rapids Pavilion parking lot project in the amount of \$140,456.57; 81104.13.015.

I. DEBATE AGENDA

(I1) New Business

(I1a) Community and Emergency Services Committee

(I1a1) 2022 NJCAA Division I Women's Soccer Championship Contract

Commissioner Galeas made a motion to approve the 2022 NJCAA Division I Women's Soccer Championship contract. Commissioner Skinner seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

J. LEGAL MATTERS

K. REQUESTS FOR REVIEW BY COMMITTEE

L. PUBLIC COMMENTS AND PARTICIPATION

(L1) Navina Prasad spoke concerning ground water on his property

Navina Prasad requested help with the ground water that was flooding his property. The staff has reviewed this issue multiple times. The Board requested staff to review this issue again when the county road Willie Daniel Drive is being repaired.

M. EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 6:31 p.m. Vice Chairman Richardson made a motion to go into executive session. Commissioner Skinner seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

At 6:47 p.m. Commissioner Galeas made a motion to adjourn executive session and to go into regular session. Commissioner Skinner seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

At 6:48 p.m. Chairman Duncan called the meeting back to order. County Manager Johnson reported that the Board discussed one property item.

(M1) Property

(M1a) Stratford Community Association, Inc parcel number 071G444 to obtain right of way and/or easements for the Hardy McManus Road widening project

Vice Chairman Richardson made a motion to approve \$157,100 to Stratford Community Association, Inc parcel number 071G444 to obtain right of way and/or easements for the Hardy McManus Road widening project. Commissioner Skinner seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

(M1b) Magnolia Trace LP to obtain right of way and/or easement for the Butterfield Court Detention Pond expansion project.

Vice Chairman Richardson made a motion to accept a portion of parcel 078 748 from Magnolia Trace LP to obtain right of way and/or easement for the Butterfield Court Detention Pond expansion project. Commissioner Skinner seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

(M1c) Fox Creek Homeowners Association to obtain right of way and/or easements for the Miramar Drive stormwater improvement project

Vice Chairman Richardson made a motion to accept a portion of parcel 078G 076 from Fox Creek Homeowners Association to obtain right of way and/or easements for the Miramar Drive stormwater improvement project. Commissioner Skinner seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

(M1d) Allen & Cami Nodorft for parcel 050 012B for expansion of the Water Utility Campus

Vice Chairman Richardson made a motion to approve \$525,000 to Allen & Cami Nodorft for parcel 050 012B for expansion of the Water Utility Campus. Commissioner Skinner seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

(M1e) Amended Agreement of Purchase and Sale for Charles and Hannelore Garner for parcels 082E15 and 082E015A

Commissioner Melear made a motion to approve the Amended Agreement of Purchase and Sale for Charles and Hannelore Garner for parcels 082E15 and 082E015A. Commissioner Skinner seconded the motion. Chairman Duncan, Vice Chairman Richardson and Commissioners Melear and Skinner voted in favor of the motion. Commissioner Galeas opposed the motion. The motion carried.

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