



**Columbia County Board of Commissioners
Planning Advance
Minutes for Sunday, November 06, 2022
Hilton Garden Inn Athens Georgia
9:00 a.m.**

Present at the meeting included:

Chairman Douglas R. Duncan, Jr.
Vice Chair Gary L. Richardson
Commissioner Connie L. Melear
Commissioner Dewey G. Galeas
Commissioner Donald Skinner, Sr.
Commissioner Elect Alison Couch

County Manager Scott Johnson
Deputy County Manager Glenn Kennedy
Deputy County Manager Matt Schlachter
Executive Assistant Janeabeth B. Wells
County Clerk Patrice R. Crawley
Public Relations Manager Cassidy Harris

Citizens

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Duncan called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

INVOCATION

Chairman Duncan gave the invocation.

ROLL CALL / QUORUM

Chairman Duncan declared a quorum with five Commissioners present.

BUDGET UPDATE

County Manager Johnson gave an overview of the general fund and projected fund balance.

SPLOST & PROJECT UPDATES

County Manager Johnson gave an update of the current SPLOST and GO Bond projects.

ARPA UPDATE

County Manager Johnson gave an update on ARPA funds and the proposed projects for the use of such funding.

BROADBAND UPDATE

County Manager Johnson provided a one page quarterly business review of broadband.

HOSPITAL DISCUSSION

County Manager Johnson stated that staff will be meeting with Augusta University to discuss their plans for the hospital in Columbia County.

LIBRARY BOOKS DISCUSSION

Commissioner Melear requested that the Board of Commissioners look at the library's Request for Reconsideration policy of library materials.

ORDINANCE DISCUSSION

County Manager Johnson stated that staff has been reviewing Alcoholic Beverages, Mobile Homes and Trailers, Nuisances, Peddlers and Solicitors, and Signs ordinances. Changes to these ordinances might be presented to the Board for consideration at a later date.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 12:53 p.m. Commissioner Skinner made a motion to go into executive session to discuss personnel. Vice Chairman Richardson seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

At 1:18 p.m. Vice Chairman Richardson made a motion to adjourn from Executive Session. Commissioner Skinner seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

At 1:19 p.m. Chairman Duncan called the meeting back to order. Chairman Duncan reported that the Board discussed personnel items with no final actions taken.

ADJOURNMENT

At 1:20 p.m. Chairman Duncan adjourned the meeting.

Signature on File
Douglas R. Duncan, Jr., Chairman

Signature on File
Patrice R. Crawley, County Clerk