



**Columbia County Board of Commissioners Meeting  
Minutes for Tuesday, November 15, 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  
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) November 01, 2022 Commission Minutes, (E2) November 01, 2022 Executive Session Minutes, (E3) November 06, 2022 Planning Advance Minutes and (E4) November 06, 2022 Executive Session Minutes**

*Commissioner Melear made a motion to approve the November 01 and 06 Board of Commissioners minutes and the November 01 and 06 Executive Session minutes as presented. Commissioner Skinner seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.*

**F. PRESENTATION AND APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

*Chairman Duncan presented the November 15, 2022 Agenda.*

**G. SPECIAL RECOGNITION, PRESENTATION, AND / OR DECLARATION**

**(G1) Presentation**

**(G1a) Presentation from the CSRA Mustang Club to Columbia County Community Connections**  
*Don Blackstock and Tom Petrak of the CSRA Mustang Club presented a donation to Teka Jenkins with Columbia County Community Connections.*

**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) FY 2023 Service Agreement for Columbia County Foundation for Children**

*Approved the FY 2023 service agreement with Columbia County Foundation for Children.*

**(H1b) Authorization for Network Assessment by Presidio Network Solutions**

*Approved the network assessment to be performed by Presidio Network Solutions in the amount of \$65,450; 3523552.533035.35205.*

**(H2) Development and Planning Services Committee**

**(H2a) Construction Contract with R.D. Brown Contractors for the Fleet Services Concrete Pad Addition, Bid 2022038-BID2720**

*Approved awarding the bid and contract with R.D. Brown Contractors for the Fleet Services Concrete Pad Addition project in the amount of \$294,204.94; 3503550.601090.35525.*

**(H2b) Resolution 22-34 to Initiate the Potential Abandonment of a Portion of John Deere Parkway**

*Approved Resolution 22-34, initiating the potential abandonment of a portion of John Deere Parkway.*

**(H2c) Alcoholic Beverage License, Veer Sai LLC dba Harvard Liquor**

*Approved the alcoholic beverage license for Veer Sai LLC dba Harvard Liquor.*

**(H2d) Alcoholic Beverage License, Jacks Good Eats LLC dba The New York Butcher Shoppe**

*Approved the alcoholic beverage license for Jacks Good Eats LLC dba The New York Butcher Shoppe.*

**(H2e) Easement Encroachment Agreement, Ramon & Angela Lopez, 1460 Knob Hill Circle, Tax Map 066, Parcel 277, Knob Hill Farm Subdivision**

*Approved the easement encroachment agreement for Ramon & Angela Lopez at 1460 Knob Hill Circle, Parcel 066 277.*

**(H2f) Easement Encroachment Agreement, Jorge L.Chang, 505 Split Pine Trail, Tax Map 059 Parcel 196, Pine Bluff Subdivision**

*Approved the easement encroachment agreement for Jorge L. Chang at 505 Split Pine Trail, Parcel 059 196.*

**I. DEBATE AGENDA**

**(I1) New Business**

**(I1a) Management and Internal Services Committee**

**(I1a1) Implement WebEx Calling for County Local and Long-Distance**

*Commissioner Melear made a motion to implement WebEx local and long distance calling by Presidio in the amount of \$197,834.00; 3503550.533035.35533. Commissioner Galeas seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.*

**(I1b) Development and Planning Services Committee**

**(I1b1) RZ22-10-02, Rezone M-2 (General Industrial) to M-1 (Light Industrial), Tax Map 061 Portion of Parcel 2153, 11.35 +/- acres, located at William Few Parkway, and currently zoned M-2 (General Industrial).**

*Commissioner Skinner made a motion to approve the request to withdraw RZ22-10-02 without prejudice. Commissioner Melear seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.*

**(I1b2) RZ22-10-03, Major Plan Revision to S-1 (Special), Tax Map 080 Parcel 002B, 12.9 +/- acres, located at 475 Clear Sky Drive, and currently zoned S-1 (Special).**

*Commissioner Skinner made a motion to approve the major S-1 plan revision for property located at tax map 080 parcel 002B to revise uses for the subject property. Commissioner Galeas seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.*

**(I1b3) VA22-10-01, Variance to Section 90-53 List of Lot & Structure Requirements, Tax Map 067C Parcel 225, 0.48 +/- acres, located at 243 Farmington Dr. W, and currently zoned R-2 (Single Family Residential).**

*Commissioner Skinner made a motion to approve the request for a variance to Section 90-53 List of Lot & Structure Requirements for the property located at Tax Map 067C Parcel 225 to reduce the building setbacks for the southern property line from 10' to 7' as noted on the provided site plan dated 9/21/22 and the 55' front setback from the center line of Farmington Drive W to 50' to accommodate the existing home subject to the following condition:*

*Stormwater Engineering:*

*A revised LDP grading plan is required.*

*Vice Chairman Richardson seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.*

**(I1b4) RZ22-11-01, Rezoning from R-1 (Single Family Residential) to S-1 (Special), 5520 Hereford Farm Road, Tax Map 061 Parcel 014, 7.00 +/- acres, and currently zoned R-1 (Single Family Residential).**

*Commissioner Skinner made a motion to approve the rezoning from R-1 to S-1 for property located at tax map 061 parcel 014 for a proposed drywall & metal stud company subject to the following conditions:*

*Planning:*

- 1. A privacy fence shall be installed around the laydown yard, and shall present a finished appearance to the adjacent residential properties.*
- 2. The buffer width shall be a minimum of 40 feet between the privacy fence conditioned above and the residential property lines.*
- 3. All natural buffers are to remain undisturbed, with the exception that additional plant material may be added.*

*Vice Chairman Richardson seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.*

**(I1b5) VA22-11-01, Variance to Sections 90-53 List of Lot & Structure Requirements & 90-144 Placement of Buildings & Structures, 356 Paces Ferry Road, Tax Map 073F Parcel 084, 0.37 +/- acres, and currently zoned R-2 (Single Family Residential).**

*Commissioner Skinner made a motion to disapprove the request for a variance to Section 90-53 List of Lot and Structure Requirements and Section 90-144 Placement of Buildings and Structures for the property located at Tax Map 073F Parcel 084. Commissioner Melear seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.*

**(I1b6) Ordinance Number 22-06, Text Amendment to Chapter 90 Zoning, Article IV Supplemental Requirements, Section 90-135 Signs- First Reading**

*Commissioner Skinner made a motion to approve the first reading of ordinance number 22-06 Chapter 90 Zoning, Article IV Supplemental Requirements, Section 90-135 Signs. Commissioner Galeas seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.*

## **J. LEGAL MATTERS**

## **K. REQUESTS FOR REVIEW BY COMMITTEE**

## **L. PUBLIC COMMENTS AND PARTICIPATION**

## **M. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

### **(M1) Personnel**

#### **(M1a) Merit payment for all eligible employees**

*Commissioner Melear made a motion to approve a one-time merit payment of 2.5% for eligible employees. Commissioner Skinner seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.*

### **(M2) Property**

#### **(M2a) Jackie Ferguson Powell parcel number 071003C to obtain right of way and/or easements for the Hardy McManus Road widening project**

*Vice Chairman Richardson made a motion to approve \$25,400 to Jackie Ferguson Powell parcel number 071003C to obtain right of way and/or easements for the Hardy McManus Road widening project. Commissioner Melear seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.*

#### **(M2b) Resolution 22-35, and the amended Order by Condemnation for a portion of Tax Map 065016F for the improving, widening, paving, aligning, and maintaining Hardy McManus Road**

*Vice Chairman Richardson made a motion to approve Resolution 22-35 and the amended Order by Condemnation for a portion of Tax Map 065016F for the improving, widening, paving, aligning, and maintaining Hardy McManus Road. Commissioner Melear seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.*

#### **(M2c) Resolution 22-36, and the amended Order by Condemnation for a portion of Tax Map 065015B for the improving, widening, paving, aligning, and maintaining Hardy McManus Road**

*Vice Chairman Richardson made a motion to approve Resolution 22-36 and the amended Order by Condemnation for a portion of Tax Map 065015B for the improving, widening, paving, aligning, and maintaining Hardy McManus Road. Commissioner Melear seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.*

## **N. ADJOURNMENT**

*At 6:22 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