



**Columbia County Board of Commissioners Meeting
Minutes of Tuesday, January 17, 2023 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 Alison G. Couch
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

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) January 03, 2023

Commissioner Melear made a motion to approve the minutes of the January 03, 2023 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 January 17, 2023 agenda.

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 Couch seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

(H1) Management and Internal Services Committee

(H1a) Acceptance of the Criminal Justice Coordinating Council C22-8-076 for Victims of Crime Act assistance grant program (VOCA)

Approved the acceptance of the Victims of Crime Act Assistance Grant C22-08-076 and authorization for the Chairman to sign the required documentation.

(H1b) Acceptance of the Judicial Council ARPA Grant Funding CY23

Approved the acceptance of the Judicial Council ARPA grant funding in the amount of \$1,011,758.

(H1c) Acceptance of the FY2022 Emergency Management Performance Grant Application

Approved the acceptance of the FY 2022 Emergency Management Performance grant in the amount of \$37,216; 1010318.433019.

(H1d) Revision of Comprehensive Policy Number 603.1, Procurement

Approved the revision of Comprehensive Policy Number 603.1 Procurement.

(H1e) Dedicated Internet Access Service Agreement with Lumen

Approved the dedicated internet access agreement with Lumen.

(H2) Development and Planning Services Committee

(H2a) Independent Contractor Agreement with WSP USA Environment and Infrastructure, Inc. for Special Inspections and Material Testing for The Market

Approved an Independent Contractor Agreement with WSP USA Environment & Infrastructure for special inspections and construction materials testing for The Market in the amount of \$9,754; 17151.37.010.

(H2b) Independent Contractor Agreement with WSP USA Environment and Infrastructure, Inc. for Geotechnical Engineering Services for Building A

Approved an Independent Contractor Agreement with WSP USA Environment and Infrastructure, Inc. for Geotechnical Engineering Services for Building A in the amount of \$8,325; 22820.32.010.

(H2c) Professional Services Contract with Goodwyn Mills Cawood for Building A

Approved a Professional Services Contract with Goodwyn Mills Cawood for Building A in the not to exceed amount of \$1,510,000; 22840.32.10.

(H2d) Independent Contractor Agreement with WSP USA Environment and Infrastructure, Inc. for Asbestos Containing Materials Inspection and Demolition report for the existing Building A

Approved an Independent Contractor Agreement with WSP USA Environment and Infrastructure, Inc. for asbestos containing materials inspection and demolition report for the existing Building A in the amount of \$6,100; 22840.32.010.

(H2e) Independent Contractor Agreement with WSP USA Environment and Infrastructure, Inc. for Geotechnical Engineering Services for Fire Rescue Station 2 Replacement

Approved an Independent Contractor Agreement with WSP USA Environment and Infrastructure, Inc. for Geotechnical Engineering Services for Fire Rescue Station 2 Replacement in the amount of \$7,074; 22620.32.010.

(H2f) Independent Contractor Agreement with Blue Water Engineering Services, LLC for the Old Trail Road E. Gravity Sewerline

Approved the Independent Contractor Agreement with Bluewater Engineering Services for the Old Trail Road E. gravity sewerline repair in the amount of \$5,150; 511.5130.601090.

I. DEBATE AGENDA

(I1) Unfinished Business

(I1a) Public Works and Engineering Services

(I1a1) Resolution 22-41 through 22-47 to establish Street Light Districts in Highland Lakes Sec 1C, River Island Sec 3 Ph2C3, Somerset @ Williamsburg Ph 8, River Oaks Ph 2, Tillery Park 1A, Tillery Park 1B and Crawford Creek Sec 10. *First Reading - postponed from December 20, 2022*

Vice Chairman Richardson made a motion to approve the First Reading of Resolutions 22-41 Highland Lakes Sec 1C, 22-42 River Island Sec 3 Ph2C3, 22-43 Somerset at Williamsburg Ph8, 22-44 River Oaks Ph2, 22-45 Tillery Park 1A, 22-46 Tillery Park 1B and 22-47 Crawford Creek Sec 10 to establish street light districts and authorization for Georgia Power to proceed with installation per their proposals. Commissioner Skinner seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

(11a2) Resolution 23-01 regarding abandonment and surplus of a portion of John Deere Parkway
Vice Chairman Richardson made a motion to approve Resolution 23-01. Commissioner Skinner seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

(12) New Business

(12a) Development and Planning Services Committee

(12a1) RZ23-01-01, Major PUD (Planned Unit Development) Revision, located off Laurel Drive, Tax map 060 Parcel 1698, 17.8 +/- acres, and currently zoned PUD (Planned Unit Development).
Commissioner Skinner made a motion to approve the Major PUD revision for property located at tax map 060 parcel 1698 subject to the following conditions:

Planning:

1. Undisturbed buffers with a minimum width of 50 feet are required on the south and west property lines. The 30-foot wide property owned by the County may be counted towards the required 50-foot width.
2. Minimum sidewalk width of 5 feet is required as per Section 90-182.
3. The second crosswalk on Laurel Drive shall not be installed as shown. Instead, a sidewalk with a minimum width of 5 feet shall be extended from the entrance of the subject section along the south side of Laurel Drive and shall connect to the existing greenway and crosswalk. ADA ramps shall be added at the intersection with Laurel Drive on the three corners that currently or will have sidewalk connections.

Traffic Engineering:

Right of way shall be a minimum of 50' wide at all locations. No parking zones are required in the hammerheads and must have Commission approval either prior to or in conjunction with preliminary or final plat approval. No striped crosswalks on residential streets other than at the Euchee Creek Greenway. Vice Chairman Richardson seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Applicant Will Dozier was available to answer questions.

(12a2) RZ23-01-03, Rezoning from R-A (Residential Agricultural) to R-1 (Single Family Residential), off Louisville Road, Tax map 040 Parcel 043, 29.4 +/- acres, and currently zoned R-A (Residential Agricultural).

Applicant Keith Lawrence stated that he had modified the concept plan. Dan Lanning spoke in favor of the new concept plan.

Commissioner Skinner made a motion to approve the request for a rezoning from R-A to R-1 for property located at tax map 040 parcel 043 subject to the following conditions:

Planning:

Along the Louisville Road frontage, either a landscape berm or a more densely planted buffer than is required by Section 90-139 shall be required. Prior to preliminary plat approval, the method of screening along this frontage, as well as the other required buffers, shall be reviewed by Columbia County Plan Review and included as a separate sheet within the preliminary plat submittal. Buffer shall be increased to no less than 100' depth.

Commission:

That the development of the subject parcel is limited to 15 buildable lots.

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

(12a3) RZ23-01-06, Rezoning from R-A (Residential Agricultural) to S-1 (Special), 936 Appling Harlem Road, Tax map 031A Parcel 047, 2.92 +/- acres, and currently zoned R-A (Residential Agricultural).

Commissioner Skinner made a motion to approve the request for a rezoning from R-A to S-1 for property

located at tax map 031A parcel 047 subject to the following conditions:

Planning:

- 1. The sides of the storage area adjacent to 934 Appling Harlem Road and facing Appling Harlem Road must be screened with a minimum 10-foot structural buffer as per Section 90-147. Fencing to meet this requirement must be located on the property of 936 Appling Harlem Road. Relocation or removal of existing storage structures may be needed to accommodate the required fencing and plantings.*
 - 2. The outdoor storage area may only be used to park vehicles used for the Horizon Towing business. Vehicles not owned or operated by this business may not be stored on the property. This does not restrict the parking of passenger vehicles related to other operating businesses on the property.*
- Vice Chairman Richardson seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.*

(13) Items Added at the Meeting

J. LEGAL MATTERS

K. REQUESTS FOR REVIEW BY COMMITTEE

L. PUBLIC COMMENTS AND PARTICIPATION

M. EXECUTIVE SESSION

N. ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Couch made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:17 p.m. 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