



**Columbia County Board of Commissioners Meeting
Minutes of Tuesday, February 7, 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 Jordan Bell
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 Skinner 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 17, 2023

Commissioner Melear made a motion to approve the minutes of the January 17, 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 February 07, 2023 agenda.

G. SPECIAL RECOGNITION, PRESENTATION, AND / OR DECLARATION

Chairman Duncan welcomed Cub Scout Pack 56 to the meeting.

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) Animal Services Donations

Approved the acceptance of \$3,140 to Columbia County Animal Services for the shelter and spay/neuter of

animals in the care of Animal Services; 2250301.433019.01713.

(H1b) Independent Contract Agreement with Bliss Products and Services Inc. for the Purchase and Installation of Playground Equipment for Martinez Park

Approved the Independent Contract Agreement with Bliss Products and Services, Inc. for the purchase and installation of playground equipment for Martinez Park in the amount of \$1,149,978.35; 17143.37.015.

(H1c) Senior Center Donation

Approved the acceptance of a donation of \$4,545 for programming and supplies to the Columbia County Senior Center; 1011611.522070.01716.

(H1d) Agreement with MLFLW, LLC to host the Tackle Warehouse Invitational Tournament

Approved the agreement with MLFLW, LLC to host the Tackle Warehouse Invitational Tournament at Wildwood Park in the amount of \$10,000; 2242200.533081.

(H1e) Motorola Mach Alert Service Contract Renewal

Approved the Motorola Mach Alert Services Contract renewal in the amount of \$22,937.47; 2322510.533035.

(H1f) Contract with Cardiotronix, LLC for Automatic External Defibulator (AED) inspection and calibration

Approved the contract with Cardiotronix, LLC for Automatic External Defibulator (AED) Inspection and calibration in the amount of \$6,381; 2322510.533035 and 6116100.533035.

(H2) Public Works and Engineering Services Committee

(H2a) Professional Services Contract with Christopher Booker and Associates, P.C. for the Coroner's Office Renovation and Addition

Approved the Professional Services Contract with Christopher Booker and Associates, P.C. for the Coroner's Office renovation and addition in the amount of \$56,000; 2302300.601076.23003.

(H2b) Purchase of Applied Information (AI) Glance Smart City Supervisory System Modules

Approved the purchase of sixteen Applied Information (AI) modules in the amount of \$69,150.08; 2342710.522100.

(H2c) Revised Georgia Power Relocation Agreement for Horizon South Pkwy Widening, PI No 0008351

Approved the revised relocation agreement with Georgia Power for the Horizon South Parkway widening project in the not to exceed amount of \$605,303; 91309.24.050.

(H2d) Acceptance for improvements for River Oaks Phase 3

Approved the acceptance of improvements and easements as depicted on the plat for River Oaks Phase 3 contingent upon staff's approval.

(H2e) Acceptance for improvements for Tillery Park Section 2

Approved the acceptance of all right of way and improvements to include easements as depicted on the plat for Tillery Park Section 2 contingent upon staff's approval.

I. DEBATE AGENDA

(I1) Unfinished Business

(I1a) Public Works and Engineering Services

(11a1) 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. *Second Reading*

Commissioner Couch made a motion to approve the Second 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. Vice Chairman Richardson seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

(12) New Business

(12a) Community and Emergency Services Committee

(12a1) Resolution Number 23-02 Adoption of the Parks and Recreation Master Plan

Commissioner Couch made a motion to approve Resolution Number 23-02 Adoption of the Parks and Recreation Master Plan. Commissioner Skinner seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

(12a2) Resolution 23-03 to Amend the Fee Schedule for Savannah Rapids Pavilion - *First Reading*

Commissioner Couch a motion to approve the First Reading of Resolution 23-03 to Amend the Fee Schedule for Savannah Rapids Pavilion. Commissioner Skinner seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

(12a3) Resolution 23-04 to Amend the Fee Schedule for Columbia County Exhibition Center - *First Reading*

Commissioner Couch made a motion to approve the First Reading of Resolution 23-04 to amend the Fee Schedule for Columbia County Exhibition Center. Commissioner Skinner seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

(12b) Development and Planning Services Committee

(12b1) RZ23-01-10, Major PUD (Planned Unit Development) Revision, 6114 Maness Court, Tax map 074H Parcel 289, 0.48 +/- acres, and currently zoned PUD (Planned Unit Development).

Commissioner Skinner made a motion to approve the request for a Major PUD Revision for property located at Tax map 074H Parcel 289 to reduce the front building setback from South Old Belair Road to 40 feet. Vice Chairman Richardson seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

(12b2) VA23-01-05, Variance to Section 90-135 Signs, 3520 Washington Road, Tax map 083 Parcel 016A, 2.58 +/- acres, and currently zoned C-2 (General Commercial).

Commissioner Skinner made a motion to approve the request for a variance to Section 90-135 signs for property located at Tax map 083 parcel 016A to allow two freestanding signs on the Washington Road frontage and to increase the allowed sign height subject to the following condition:

Planning:

The sign face area of the two freestanding signs combined may not exceed 116.25 square feet.

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

(12b3) VA23-01-06, Variance to Section 90-98 List of lot & structure requirements, 1901 William Few Parkway, Tax map 061 Parcel 085D, 6.27 +/- acres, and currently zoned M-2 (General Industrial).

Commissioner Skinner made a motion to approve the request for a variance to Section 90-98 List of lot & structure requirements for property located at tax map 061 parcel 085D. Vice Chairman Richardson seconded the motion. Commissioner Melear abstained. Chairman Duncan, Vice Chairman Richardson and Commissioners Skinner and Couch voted in favor of 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

(M1) Property

(M1a) Steven Rauch parcel number 065A029, Michael, Erin & David Hooker parcel number 065A095, Andres Hinostroza, Jr. parcel number 065A247, Dallas & Laurie Smith parcel number 071002H, Rivershyre Community Association, Inc. parcel number 071D077, Lance Brown parcel number 071D005, Joseph Dawson & April Demsko parcel number 071D001, Bruce & Mildred Thomas parcel number 071061, Martin & Kristina Morris parcel number 071D073, Kevin & Beverly Thompson parcel number 071004Y, River Oaks Property Owner's Association, Inc. parcel number 071194 and 071193, Judith & Terry Maguire parcel number 071004W, Lowell & Denise Thomas parcel number 071004F, Patricia Becton parcel number 071005 and Alison Becton Barksdale parcel number 071005A to obtain right of way and/or easements for the Hardy McManus Road Widening Project.

Commissioner Couch made a motion to approve \$48,265 to Steven Rauch parcel number 065A029, \$22,300 to Michael, Erin & David Hooker parcel number 065A095, \$27,000 to Andres Hinostroza, Jr. parcel number 065A247, \$82,600 to Dallas & Laurie Smith parcel number 071002H, \$91,700 to Rivershyre Community Association, Inc. parcel number 071D077, \$6,200 to Lance Brown parcel number 071D005, \$10,000 to Joseph Dawson & April Demsko parcel number 071D001, \$28,600 to Bruce & Mildred Thomas parcel number 071061, \$100,800 to Rivershyre Community Association, Inc. parcel number 071D077, \$50,500 Martin & Kristina Morris parcel number 071D073, \$15,700 Kevin & Beverly Thompson parcel number 071004Y, \$7,600 River Oaks Property Owner's Association, Inc. parcel number 071194, \$5,500 River Oaks Property Owner's Association, Inc. parcel number 071193, \$4,300 Judith & Terry Maguire parcel number 071004W, \$12,000 Lowell & Denise Thomas parcel number 071004F, \$18,400 Patricia Becton parcel number 071005 and \$22,400 Alison Becton Barksdale parcel number 071005A to obtain right of way and/or easements for the Hardy McManus Road Widening Project. Commissioner Melear seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

(M1b) Permanent easement for the Hickory Woods subdivision off site sewer line from Matthew Ducharme parcel number H01 143.

Commissioner Couch made a motion to approve the donation of a permanent easement needed for the Hickory Woods subdivision off site sewer line from Matthew Ducharme parcel number H01 143. Commissioner Skinner seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

N. ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Couch made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:19 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