



**Columbia County Board of Commissioners Meeting
Minutes of Tuesday, March 21, 2023 at 6:00 PM
Evans Government Center Auditorium, Evans, Georgia**

Present at the meeting included:

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
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

Chairman Douglas R. Duncan, Jr. was absent

Members of the Media and Public

A. CALL TO ORDER

Vice Chairman Richardson 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

Vice Chairman Richardson declared a quorum with four Commissioners present.

E. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

(E1) March 7, 2023

Commissioner Melear made a motion to approve the minutes of the March 07, 2023 Board of Commissioners meeting as presented. Commissioner Couch seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

F. PRESENTATION AND APPROVAL OF THE 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) Resolution Number 23-14 Agreeing to Participate in the National Teva, Allergan, CVS, Walgreens and Walmart Settlements and Agreeing to be bound by an anticipated Memorandum of Understanding with the State of Georgia

Approved Resolution Number 23-14 to Participate in the National Teva, Allergan, CVS, Walgreens and Walmart settlements and agreeing to be bound by an anticipated Memorandum of Understanding with the

State of Georgia.

(H1b) FY2023 Service Agreement for Richmond County Medical Society Project Access, Inc.

Approved the Fiscal Year 2023 Service Agreement with Richmond County Medical Society Project Access, Inc.

(H1c) Purchase of Motorola Radios

*Approved the purchase of Motorola radios in the amount of \$4,780,280.23;
3223226.601090/22640.32.090.*

(H1d) Information Technology Equipment Lifecycle Replacement with Dell Computer

*Approved the purchase of replacement equipment from Dell, Inc. in the amount of \$253,017.77;
1011005.601081.*

(H1e) C3BU Master Services Agreement with ClimaVision

Approved a Master Services Agreement with ClimaVision.

(H1f) Purchase of Automated License Plate Reader Camera from Flock

Approved the purchase of an Automated License Plate Reader camera from Flock in the amount of \$2,850; 3523552.544035.35203.

(H1g) Dark Fiber IRU with Gentry Fund, LLC for 4470 Washington Road

Approved a Dark Fiber IRU with Gentry Fund, LLC for 4470 Washington Road.

(H1h) Dark Fiber IRU with Gentry Fund, LLC for Williamsburg Way

Approved Dark Fiber IRU with Gentry Fund, LLC for Williamsburg Way.

(H1i) Dark Fiber IRU with Segra for Washington Road

Approved Dark Fiber IRU with Segra for Washington Road.

(H1j) Funding Source Revision for License Plate Reader Camera Project with CelPlan

Approved funding source revision for License Plate Reader Camera project with CelPlan to \$1,307,536.15; 3523552.544035.35203.

(H2) Development and Planning Services Committee

(H2a) Construction Contract with R.D. Brown Contractors, Inc. for the Martinez Park Grading and Wall Construction Project, Bid # 2023004-BID3000

Approved awarding the bid and approving the construction contract with R.D. Brown Contractors, Inc. for the Martinez Park grading and wall construction project in the amount of \$399,348.34; 17143.37.015.

(H2b) Encroachment Agreement-Landscaping, Grand Oak River Island, LLC, Tax map 081 Parcel 617, 24.68 +/- acres, PUD (Planned Unit Development)

Approved an Encroachment Agreement to allow landscaping inside an existing sewer easement for Tax Map 081 Parcel 617.

I. DEBATE AGENDA

(I1) New Business

(I1a) Development and Planning Services Committee

(I1a1) Appeal of the Planning Commission decision of RZ23-02-06, Minor PUD Revision, 777 Jones Creek, Tax map 077H Parcel 731, 6.95 +/- acres, and currently zoned PUD, Commission District 1
Tripp Nannay, Hammad Sheikh, Wendell Johnston and June Toler spoke in opposition to the Planning

Commission's decision to approve the minor PUD revision for RZ23-02-06. Commissioner Melear made a motion to overturn the Planning Commission's decision on RZ23-02-06. There was no second. The motion died.

(I1a2) RZ23-03-02, Rezoning from R-1 (Single Family Residential) to R-2 (Single Family Residential), 343 Gardenia Drive, Tax Map 065A Parcel 295, 0.05 +/- acres portion of an overall 1.5 +/- acres, and currently zoned R-1 (Single Family Residential).

Commissioner Skinner made a motion to approve the request for a rezoning from R-1 to R-2 for a portion of tax map 065A parcel 295. Commissioner Melear seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

(I1a3) VA23-03-01, Variance to Section 90-53 List of lot & structure requirements, 5460 Washington Road, Tax Map 057A Parcel 063, 2.5 +/- acres, and currently zoned R-A (Residential Agricultural).

Commissioner Skinner made a motion to approve the request for a variance to Section 90-53 List of lot and structure requirements for property located at tax map 057A parcel 063 to reduce the rear building setback closest to the house from 25' to 15' to accommodate the existing home and proposed front porch. Commissioner Couch seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

(I1a4) VA23-03-02, Variance to Section 90-147(i)(3) Use provisions, 4408 Evans to Locks Road, Tax Map 077A Parcel 011G, 6.67 +/- acres, and currently zoned C-2 (General Commercial).

Applicant Deep Patel was available to answer questions.

Commissioner Skinner made a motion to approve the request for a variance to Section 90-147(i)(3) Use provisions for property located at tax map 077A parcel 011G to allow a drive-thru window and lanes between a public street and the building subject to the following condition:

Planning:

Tree buffer shall be maintained to provide screening of the pick-up window and drive-thru lanes from North Belair Road.

Commissioner Couch seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

(I1b) Management and Internal Services Committee

(I1b1) Authorization for a Government Efficiency and Functionality Study

Commissioner Melear made a motion to authorize the County Manager to choose the most appropriate firm to conduct a government efficiency and functionality study, to fund said study for an amount not to exceed \$100,000 and to authorize the Chairman to execute any associated documents needed to accomplish this task. Commissioner Skinner seconded the motion. Vice Chairman Richardson and Commissioners Melear and Skinner voted in favor of the motion. Commissioner Alison Couch opposed the motion. The motion carried.

(I2) 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) John Hutchinson tax map 060075, Soto Properties, LLC tax map 067A001, The Sparks Way, LLC. tax map 060007, Joan Hutchinson tax map 060004D and Joan Hutchinson tax map 060003A to obtain right of way and/or easements for the Hereford Farm Road widening project.

Vice Chairman Richardson made a motion to approve \$2,900 to John Hutchinson tax map 060075, \$4,700

to Soto Properties, LLC tax map 067A001, \$4,976 to The Sparks Way, LLC. tax map 060007, \$4,300 to Joan Hutchinson tax map 060004D, \$3,100 to Joan Hutchinson tax map 060003A to obtain right of way and/or easements for the Hereford Farm Road widening project. Commissioner Melear seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

(M1b) Andrew & Geri Taylor tax map 071004S and Philip & Sue Heath tax map 071004V to obtain right of way and/or easement for the Hardy McManus Road widening project.

Vice Chairman Richardson made a motion to approve \$7,600 to Andrew & Geri Taylor tax map 071004S and \$3,100 to Philip & Sue Heath tax map 071004V to obtain right of way and/or easement for the Hardy McManus Road widening project. Commissioner Melear seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

N. ADJOURNMENT

At 6:38 p.m. Commissioner Couch made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Skinner seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Signature on File

Douglas R. Duncan, Jr., Chairman

Signature on File

Patrice R. Crawley, County Clerk