



**Columbia County Board of Commissioners Meeting
Minutes of Tuesday, May 16, 2023 at 6:00 PM
Evans Government Center Auditorium, Evans, Georgia**

Present at the meeting included:

Chairman Douglas R. Duncan, Jr.
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
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

Vice Chairman Richardson was not present.

A. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Duncan called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

B. INVOCATION

Commissioner Couch 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 four Commissioners present.

E. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

(E1) May 02, 2023 Commission Meeting

Commissioner Melear made a motion to approve the minutes of the May 02, 2023 Board of Commissioners meeting as presented. Commissioner Couch seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

(E2) May 02, 2023 Budget Public Hearing

Commissioner Melear made a motion to approve the minutes of the May 02, 2023 Budget Public Hearing 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

(G1) Presentation

(G1a) National Safe Boating Week Proclamation presented to Larry Wiggins, US Coast Guard Auxiliary

Commissioner Couch presented to Larry Wiggins, with the US Coast Guard Auxiliary, a Proclamation proclaiming the week of May 20th to be National Safe Boating Week and the start of the year round effort to promote the wearing of life jackets and safe boating.

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) Intergovernmental Lease Agreement with the Development Authority of Columbia County
Approved the Intergovernmental Lease Agreement with the Development Authority of Columbia County.

(H1b) Amendment to the Oasis Management Systems, Inc. contract for Inmate Commissary Services
Approved the amendment to the Oasis Management Systems, Inc. contract for Inmate Commissary Services.

(H1c) Juvenile Court Independent Contractor Agreements with Margaret Adams, Angela Chambers, Kathleen Conner, Brendan Fleming, Jennifer Hunter, Kelly Kitchens, Mukti Patel, Joseph Pride, and Shelia Wahman
Approved the Juvenile Court Independent Contractor Agreements with Margaret Adams, Angela Chambers, Kathleen Conner, Brendan Fleming, Jennifer Hunter, Kelly Kitchens, Mukti Patel, Joseph Pride and Shelia Wahman.

(H1d) Canceling the July 4, 2023 Board of Commissioners meeting
Approved the canceling of the July 4, 2023 Commissioners Meeting.

(H1e) Renewal Contract with Acrisure, LLC. dba Head Capital Advisors to be the Insurance Broker for Employee Group Health Plan
Approved the renewal contract with Acrisure, LLC. dba Head Capital Advisors to be the Insurance Broker for Employee Group Health Plan.

(H1f) Renewal with New York Life (Formerly CIGNA) for Life Insurance and Disability Products
Approved the renewal with New York Life for life insurance and disability products.

(H1g) Renewal Agreement with Daffin and Company dba Express Employment Professionals for Temporary Workers & Payroll
Approved the renewal agreement with Daffin and Company dba Express Employment Professionals for temporary workers & payroll.

(H1h) Renewal of the Contract with MedNow Urgent Care for Employee On-Site Clinic and Medical Services
Approved the renewal of the contract with MedNow Urgent Care for employee on-site clinic and medical services.

(H1i) Reappointment of Chief Jeremy Wallen to the Region Six EMS Council
Approved the reappointment of Chief Jeremy Wallen to the Region Six EMS Council.

(H1j) Memorandum of Agreement with FEMA for Integrated Public Alert Warning System (IPAWS)
Approved the Memorandum of Agreement with FEMA for Integrated Public Alert Warning System.

(H1k) Renewal Contract with Ceres Environmental Services, Inc. for the Disaster Debris Management
Approved the renewal contract with Ceres Environmental Services, Inc. for disaster debris management.

(H1l) Renewal Contract with Debristech, LLC for Disaster Debris Monitoring
Approved the renewal contract with Debristech, LLC for disaster debris monitoring.

(H1m) Proclamation for National Safe Boating Week May 20-26, 2023

Approved the proclamation proclaiming the week of May 20th National Safe Boating week.

(H1n) Facility Use Agreement with YMCA for Summer Camp

Approved a Facility Use Agreement with YMCA for summer camp.

(H1o) Renewal of Contract with Cintas Corporation for Uniform Services

Approved the renewal contract with Cintas Corporation for Uniform Services.

(H1p) Renewal of Contract with Pollock Financial Services, Inc. for County-Wide Copier Services

Approved the renewal contract with Pollock Financial Services, Inc. for county wide copier services.

(H1q) Agreements with Pollock Financial Services, Inc. and FP Mailing Solutions for the postage machine

Approved the agreements with Pollock Financial Services, Inc. and FP Mailing Solutions for the postage machine.

(H1r) Purchase of Replacement Ram 2500

Approved the purchase of a 2023 Ram 2500 from Jacky Jones for a total cost of \$51,521.94.

(H1s) Software Agreement between Columbia County Superior Court and VocEdit

Approved a software agreement between Columbia County Superior Court and VocEdit in the amount of \$3,000.

(H1t) The Purchase of Broadband Fiber from Power & Telephone for Hardy McManus Road Widening Project

Approved the purchase of broadband fiber from Power & Telephone for the Hardy McManus Road widening project in the amount of \$59,400; 5515530.601100.

(H1u) The Purchase of Broadband Duct from UtiliCom for Hardy McManus Road Widening Project

Approved the purchase of broadband duct from UtiliCom for Hardy McManus Road widening project in the amount of \$58,250; 5515530.601100.

(H1v) Broadband Master Services Agreement (MSA) with the CSR Land Trust

Approved the Broadband Master Services Agreement with the CSR Land Trust.

(H1w) Agreement with Presidio for Upgrades to the County Computer Network

Approved the agreement with Presidio for upgrades to the county computer network in the amount of \$513,413.09.

(H1x) Lease Agreement with American Towers LLC for Evans Tower

Approved the lease agreement with American Towers LLC for the Evans Tower.

(H2) Development and Planning Services Committee

(H2a) Refund Request from S&P Construction, LLC for the Lions Gate Permit Fee

Denied the refund request from S&P Construction, LLC for the Lions Gate permit fee.

(H2b) Easement Encroachment Agreement for Tax map 051 parcel 2250

Approved the Easement Encroachment Agreement for Tax Map 051 parcel 2250.

I. DEBATE AGENDA

(I1) Unfinished Business

(I1a) Public Works and Engineering Services Committee

(I1a1) Construction Contract with Southern Asphalt for the Resurfacing of White Oak Rd, County Line Rd, and Sawdust Rd, Bid # 2023006-BID3313 - postponed from April 18, 2023

Commissioner Skinner made a motion to award and approve the construction contract with Southern Asphalt for the resurfacing of White Oak Road, County Line Road and Sawdust Road in the amount of \$4,661,445.11. Commissioner Couch seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

(I1a2) Resolution 23-09, 23-11, and 23-13 to establish Street Light Districts in Four Oaks Ph. 2C, Greenpoint Ph. 1B, and Highland Lakes Sec 3 - Second Reading

Commissioner Skinner made a motion to approve the second reading of Resolution 23-09, 23-11 and 23-13 to establish street light districts located in Four Oaks Ph2C, Greenpoint 1B and Highland Lakes Sec 3 and to authorize appropriate power providers to proceed with installation per their proposals.

Commissioner Couch seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

(I1a3) Resolution 23-16 to establish a Street Light District in River Oaks Ph 3 - Second Reading

Commissioner Skinner made a motion to approve the second reading of Resolution Number 23-16 to establish a street light district in River Oaks Phase 3. Commissioner Melear seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

(I2) New Business

(I2a) Development and Planning Services Committee

(I2a1) RZ23-05-01, Conditional Use for a Place of Worship, 102 S Belair Road, Tax Map 073C Parcel 017, 1.80 +/- acres and currently zoned C-2 (General Commercial).

Commissioner Skinner made a motion to approve the request for a conditional use for a place of worship for property located at tax map 073C parcel 017. Commissioner Melear seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

(I2a2) VA23-05-02, Variance to Section 90-139 Buffers & Screening, 102 S Belair Road, Tax Map 073C Parcel 017, 1.80 +/- acres and currently zoned C-2 (General Commercial).

Commissioner Skinner made a motion to approve the request for a variance to Section 90-139 Buffers & screening located at tax map 073C Parcel 017 to reduce the rear structural buffer to 10' subject to the following conditions:

Planning:

1. Additional landscaping consisting of evergreens shall be installed to screen the existing detention pond from the parking lot and adjacent residential property. This shall be shown on the landscape plan provided to Columbia County Plan Review.

2. Any exterior lighting placed on the proposed building shall be shielded from adjacent residential properties. This lighting and method of shielding shall be provided with the application for a building permit to Columbia County Building Standards.

Commissioner Melear seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

(I2a3) RZ23-05-02, Conditional Use for a Tattoo Parlor, 308 Commerce Drive, Tax Map 082D Parcel 093, 0.76 +/- acres and currently zoned C-2 (General Commercial).

Commissioner Skinner made a motion to deny the request for a conditional use for a tattoo parlor on property located at tax map 082D Parcel 093. Commissioner Melear seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

(I2a4) VA23-05-01, Variance to Section 90-98 List of lot & Structure Requirements, 720 Province Way, Tax Map 077A Parcel 028F, 1.0 +/- acres and currently zoned C-2 (General Commercial).

Commissioner Skinner made a motion to approve the request for a variance to section 90-98 List of lot and structure requirements located at tax map 077A parcel 028F to remove the maximum building setback from Washington Road. Commissioner Melear seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

(I3) Items Added at the Meeting

J. LEGAL MATTERS

K. REQUESTS FOR REVIEW BY COMMITTEE

L. PUBLIC COMMENTS AND PARTICIPATION

(L1) Priscilla Bence to speak concerning the Library

Priscilla Bence spoke concerning library books that are not appropriate for the children's section in the County Library.

(L2) Ming Lin concerning eminent domain

Ming Lin requested the project status that required a portion of his property.

(L3) Marlena Bergeron

Marlena Bergeron spoke concerning keep Columbia County beautiful and honest.

(L4) Beth Connell

Beth Connell gave feedback on the May 02, 2023 meeting.

M. EXECUTIVE SESSION

N. ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Couch made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:44 p.m. Commissioner Melear seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Signature on File

Douglas R. Duncan, Jr., Chairman

Signature on File

Patrice R. Crawley, County Clerk