



**Columbia County Board of Commissioners Meeting
Minutes of Tuesday, June 20, 2023 at 6:00 PM
Evans Government Center Auditorium, Evans, Georgia**

Present at the meeting included:

Vice Chairman Gary L. Richardson
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:
Leanne Reece – Internal Services
Paul Scarbary - Development Services
Kyle Titus - Engineering Services
Scott Sterling - Planning Services
John Luton - Community Services
Michael Blanchard - Technology Services
Stacey Gordon - Water Utility Services
County Staff

Chairman Duncan and Commissioner Melear were not present.

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 Couch 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 three Commissioners present.

E. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

(E1) June 06, 2023

Commissioner Couch made a motion to approve the minutes of the June 06, 2023 Board of Commissioners meeting as presented. Commissioner Skinner seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

F. PRESENTATION AND APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

(F1) Item I2d1 Sale of a portion of John Deere Parkway to Deere & Company was removed from the agenda

County Manager Johnson requested to remove Item I2d1 Sale of a portion of John Deere Parkway to Deere & Company from the agenda. Vice Chairman Richardson presented the agenda with the requested item removed.

G. SPECIAL RECOGNITION, PRESENTATION, AND / OR DECLARATION

(G1) Declaration

(G1a) Proclamation recognizing the Harlem High School Baseball Team as the 2023 GHSA 3A State Champions

Commissioner Couch presented a Proclamation to Coach Lewis and his team recognizing their success in becoming the 2023 GHSA 3A State Champions.

H. CONSENT AGENDA

In accordance with Columbia County Code of Ordinance Section 2-81(6), the following items were voted on collectively. Commissioner Couch 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) Nulla Bona Report for June 2023

Approved the Nulla Bona Report for June 2023.

(H1b) Appointment of Vivian Cushman as the Chairperson of the Board of Elections

Approved the appointment of Vivian Cushman as the Chairperson of the Board of Elections.

(H1c) Extension of the State Properties Commission Agreement for the Department of Driver Services

Approved the extension of the agreement with the State Properties Commission for the Department of Driver Services.

(H1d) Extension of the State Properties Commission Agreement for the Department of Community Supervision

Approved the extension of the agreement with the State Properties Commission for the Department of Community Supervision.

(H1e) Extension of the State Properties Commission Agreement for the Department of Family & Children Services

Approved the extension of the agreement with the State Properties Commission for the Department of Family & Children Services.

(H1f) Independent Contractor Agreement with Renforce, Inc for the Accountability Court

Approved the Independent Contractor Agreement with Renforce, Inc. for the Accountability Court.

(H1g) Acceptance of the Judicial Council of Georgia ARPA Funding Award CY23 Cycle 2

Approved the acceptance of the Judicial Council of Georgia ARPA Funding Award CY23 cycle 2.

(H1h) Criminal Justice Coordinating Council Accountability Courts Grant J24-8-132

Approved the acceptance of the Accountability Courts grant J24-8-132 and authorization for the Chairman to execute the necessary documents.

(H1i) Independent Contractor Agreement with Tanya Jeffords to serve as Accountability Court Defense Counsel

Approved the Independent Contractor Agreement with Tanya Jeffords to serve as Accountability Court Defense Counsel.

(H1j) Resolution Number 23-30 Appointment of the Initial Board of Directors for the Hospital Authority of Columbia County

Approved Resolution Number 23-30 the appointment of the initial Board of Directors for the Hospital Authority of Columbia County.

(H1k) Contract with Fouts Brothers for the purchase of a 3,000 gallon tanker

Approved the contract with Fouts Brothers for the purchase of a 3,000 gallon tanker.

(H1l) Scanning America Contract Renewal #3

Approved the Scanning America Contract Renewal Number 3.

(H1m) Amendment Number 1 and Renewal of Agreement with Mainline Information Systems
Approved Amendment Number 1 and Renewal of Agreement with Mainline Information Systems.

(H1n) Renewal of the Agreement with Layer 3 Communications for Managed Security Services
Approved Renewal of the Agreement with Layer 3 Communication for managed security services.

(H1o) Renewal of the Agreement with A3 Communications for Genetec Video Management System Support
Approved the renewal of the Agreement with A3 Communications for Genetec Video Management System Support.

(H1p) Renewal of the Agreement with NetPlanner Systems, Inc. for Genetec Video Management System Support
Approved the renewal of the Agreement with NetPlanner Systems, Inc. for Genetec Video Management System Support.

(H1q) Renewal of Agreement with Fred Daniel Mapping Services
Approved the renewal of Agreement with the Fred Daniel Mapping Services.

(H1r) Renewal of Agreement with Dell for Equipment and Services
Approved the renewal agreement with Dell for equipment and services.

(H1s) Highliter Cable Services, Inc. Contract Renewal
Approved the renewal Contract with Highliter Cable Services, Inc.

(H1t) Renewal of Agreement with Woolpert for Cityworks-related Hardware and Software Services
Approved the renewal of Agreement with Woolpert for Cityworks related hardware and software services.

(H1u) Right of Way Agreement and Indemnity Agreement with Georgia Department of Transportation for LPR Camera Locations
Approved the Right of Way Agreement and Indemnity Agreement with Georgia Department of Transportation for LPR Camera Locations.

(H1v) FY 2023/2024 ACCG Property and Liability Insurance Renewal
Approved the FY2023/2024 ACCG-IRMA Renewal Contribution worksheet at a total cost of \$755,586.

(H2) Development and Planning Services Committee

(H2a) Renewal Number 1 with Coastal Waste & Recycling of Georgia LLC for refuse services
Approved Renewal Number 1 with Coastal Waste & Recycling of Georgia LLC for refuse services.

(H2b) Renewal Number 1 with A-Com Security Company, LLP dba Acom Integrated Solutions for Fire and Intrusion Monitoring Services
Approved Renewal Number 1 with A-Com Security Company, LLP dba Acom Integrated Solutions for Fire and Intrusion Monitoring Services.

(H2c) Supplemental Agreement Number 1 with GDOT for William Few Pkwy Resurfacing, PI# 0017534
Approved Supplemental Agreement Number 1 with Georgia Department of Transportation for William Few Parkway Resurfacing.

(H2d) Alcoholic Beverage License, K T O'Neal Restaurants LLC dba Rally Point Grille
Approved the Alcoholic Beverage License for KT O'Neal Restaurants, LLC dba Rally Point Grille.

(H2e) Easement Encroachment Agreement for Tax Map 074J Parcel 053

Approved the Easement Encroachment Agreement for Tax Map 074J Parcel 053.

(H2f) Easement Encroachment Agreement for Tax Map 077A Parcel 099A

Approved the Encroachment Agreement for Tax Map 077A Parcel 099A.

(H2g) Memorandum of Understanding with Fort Gordon for Military Compatibility

Approved the Memorandum of Understanding with Fort Gordon for Military Compatibility.

I. DEBATE AGENDA

(I1) Unfinished Business

(I1a) Community and Emergency Services Committee

(I1a1) Resolution 23-25 Amending the Parks and Recreation Facility Rental and Membership Fee Schedule - *Second Reading*

Commissioner Couch made a motion to approve the Second Reading of Resolution 23-25 amending the Parks and Recreation fee schedule. Commissioner Skinner seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

(I1b) Development and Planning Services Committee

(I1b1) Ordinance Number 23-02, Text Amendment, Chapter 54 Mobile Homes and Trailers, Article I In General, Section 54-9 Temporary use authorization - *Second Reading*

Commissioner Skinner made a motion to approve the second reading of Ordinance Number 23-02 Chapter 54 Mobile Homes and Trailers, Article I In General, Section 54-9 Temporary use authorization. Commissioner Couch seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

(I1b2) Ordinance Number 23-03, Text Amendment, Chapter 74 Subdivisions, Article IV Minimum Standards for Improvements, Section 74-118 Variances - *Second Reading*

Commissioner Skinner made a motion to approve the second reading of ordinance number 23-03 Chapter 74 Subdivisions, Article IV Minimum Standards for Improvements, Section 74-118 Variances. Commissioner Couch seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

(I1b3) Ordinance Number 23-04, Text Amendment, Chapter 90 Zoning, Article IV Supplemental Requirements, Section 90-142 Home occupations - *Second Reading*

Commissioner Skinner made a motion to approve the second reading of ordinance number 23-04 to Chapter 90 Zoning, Article IV Supplemental Requirements, Section 90-142 Home occupations. Commissioner Couch seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

(I1b4) Ordinance Number 23-05, Text Amendment, Chapter 90 Zoning, Article V Administration, Section 90-179 Appeals, variances, and minor waivers - *Second Reading*

Commissioner Skinner made a motion to approve the second reading of ordinance number 23-05 to Chapter 90 Zoning, Article V Administration, Section 90-179 Appeals, variances, and minor waivers. Commissioner Couch seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

(I1b5) Ordinance Number 23-06, Text Amendment, Chapter 90 Zoning, Article V Administration, Section 90-180 Zoning changes; ordinance amendments - *Second Reading*

Commissioner Skinner made a motion to approve the second reading of ordinance number 23-06 to Chapter 90 Zoning, Article V Administration, Section 90-180 Zoning changes; ordinance amendments. Commissioner Couch seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

(I1c) Public Works and Engineering Services Committee

(I1c1) Resolution 23-20 to establish a Street Light District in Tillery Park Section 2 - *Second Reading*

Vice Chairman Richardson made a motion to approve the second reading of Resolution 23-20 to establish the street light district for Tillery Park Section 2 and authorize the appropriate power provider to proceed with installation per their proposal. Commissioner Couch seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

(11c2) Resolution Number 23-26 to Amend the Fee Schedule for Water Utility - *Second Reading*

Jay Frye stated his concerns about the rise in fees.

Vice Chairman Richardson made a motion to approve the second reading of Resolution Number 23-26 amendment to the Fee Schedule for Water Utility. Commissioner Couch seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

(11c3) Resolution 23-27 Amendment of the Fee Schedule for Land Development Fees in the Stormwater Compliance Department - *Second Reading*

Vice Chairman Richardson made a motion to approve the second reading of Resolution 23-27 amendment of the Fee Schedule for Land Development Fees in the Stormwater Compliance Department.

Commissioner Couch seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

(11c4) Resolution Number 23-29 Amendment of the Fee Schedule for Building Standards - *Second Reading*

Vice Chairman Richardson made a motion to approve the second reading of Resolution Number 23-29 the amendment of the Fee Schedule for Building Standards. Commissioner Skinner seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

(12) New Business

(12a) Community and Emergency Services Committee

(12a1) Proclamation recognizing the Harlem High School Baseball Team as the 2023 GHSA 3A State Champions

Commissioner Couch made a motion to approve the Proclamation recognizing the Harlem High School Baseball Team as the 2023 GHSA 3A State Champions. Commissioner Skinner seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

(12b) Management and Internal Services Committee

(12b1) Resolution 23-28 Adopting an Annual Budget for All Funds of Columbia County Georgia for Fiscal Year 2023/2024

Commissioner Skinner made a motion to approve Resolution Number 23-28 adopting an Annual Budget for All Funds of Columbia County Georgia for Fiscal Year 2023/2024. Commissioner Couch seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

(12c) Development and Planning Services Committee

(12c1) RZ23-06-01, Major PRD (Planned Residential Development) Revision, Off Baker Place Road, Tax Map 051 Parcel 049C, 34.15 +/- acres and currently zoned PRD (Planned Residential Development).

Commissioner Skinner made a motion to approve the request for a major PRD revision located at tax map 051 parcels 049B & 049C to revise the conceptual plan and to permit internal illumination of the entrance sign. Commissioner Couch seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

(12c2) VA23-06-01, Variance to Section 90-135 Signs, Off Prince George Ave & Jamestown Ave, Tax Map 065A Parcels 503A & 501C, 0.94 +/- acres & 0.27 +/- acres respectively, and currently zoned R-1/RCO (Single Family Residential with Residential Cluster Overlay) & R-2/RCO (Single Family Residential with Residential Cluster Overlay).

Commissioner Skinner made a motion to approve the request for a variance to Section 90-135 Signs,

located at tax map 065A parcels 503A & 501C, to permit residential entrance signs up to 12 feet in height. Commissioner Couch seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

(I2c3) Resolution Number 23-35 Amendment to the fee schedule for the Planning Services Division - First Reading

Commissioner Skinner made a motion to approve the first reading of Resolution Number 23-35 Amendment to the fee schedule for the Planning Services Division. Commissioner Couch seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

(I2d) Public Works and Engineering Services Committee

(I2d1) ~~Sale of a portion of John Deere Parkway to Deere & Company~~ This item was removed during the approval of the agenda

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J. LEGAL MATTERS

K. REQUESTS FOR REVIEW BY COMMITTEE

L. PUBLIC COMMENTS AND PARTICIPATION

M. EXECUTIVE SESSION

(M1) Personnel

(M1a) Cost of living increases for all eligible employees as presented in attachment A which includes final salaries to be effective July 02, 2023

Vice Chairman Richardson made a motion to approve a cost of living increase for all eligible employees as presented in attachment A which includes final salaries to be effective July 02, 2023. Commissioner Skinner seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

(M2) Property

(M2a) Judith & Robert Fleenor, Jr. parcel 071004P, Bryan Rodgers parcel 071008C, \$10,500 to Garner & Lynn Powell parcel 071011c and Columbia County Board of Commissioners for parcel 071012 to obtain right of way and/or easements for the Hardy McManus Road widening project.

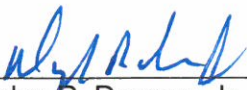
Vice Chairman Richardson made a motion to approve \$13,500 to Judith & Robert Fleenor, Jr. parcel 071004P, \$2,500 to Bryan Rodgers parcel 071008C, \$10,500 to Garner & Lynn Powell parcel 071011C and to accept the donation from Columbia County Board of Commissioners for parcel 071012 to obtain right of way and/or easements for the Hardy McManus Road widening project. Commissioner Couch seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

(M2b) Robert & Rachel Ingram parcel 071002J for additional cost

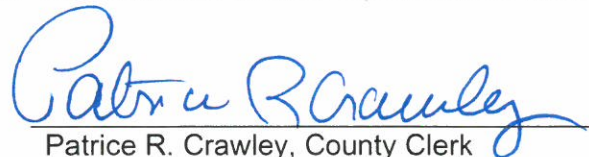
Vice Chairman Richardson made a motion to approve \$165,935.42 to Robert & Rachel Ingram parcel 071002J for additional cost. Commissioner Couch seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

N. ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Couch adjourned the meeting at 6:41 p.m. Commissioner Skinner seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.



Douglas R. Duncan, Jr., Chairman



Patrice R. Crawley, County Clerk