



**Columbia County Board of Commissioners Meeting
Minutes of Tuesday, September 5, 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
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

Chairman Duncan 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) August 15, 2023 Millage Rate Public Hearing

Commissioner Melear made a motion to approve the minutes of the August 15, 2023 Millage Rate Public Hearing. Commissioner Couch seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

(E2) August 15, 2023 Board of Commissioners

Commissioner Melear made a motion to approve the minutes of the August 15, 2023 Board of Commissioners meeting. Commissioner Couch seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

F. PRESENTATION AND APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

(F1) Addition of Item H1k Juvenile Court Independent Contractor Agreement with Jordan Michael Hanson

County Manager Johnson requested to add Item H1K Juvenile Court Independent Contractor Agreement with Jordan Michael Hanson to the Consent Agenda. This item went to committee but was mistakenly left off the agenda. Chairman Duncan presented the agenda with the requested addition.

G. SPECIAL RECOGNITION, PRESENTATION, AND / OR DECLARATION

(G1) Presentation

(G1a) Presentation of Checks from the 2023 Columbia County Fire Rescue Boot Drive to the Burn Foundation of America and Columbia County Community Connections

Chief Wallen presented to the Burn Foundation of America and Columbia County Community Connections a check from the proceeds collected from the 2023 Columbia County Fire Rescue Boot Drive.

(G2) Declaration

(G2a) National Recovery Month Proclamation

Commissioner Couch presented a proclamation proclaiming September 2023 as National Recovery Month to Serenity Behavioral Health Systems.

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) Community and Emergency Services Committee

(H1a) Agreement for Clover Sport Point of Sale System Hardware and Software with Fiserv, Inc.

Approved an agreement for Clover Sport point of sale system hardware and software with Fiserv, Inc. in the amount of \$59,088; 5815810.522100.

(H1b) Independent Contractor Agreement with Bliss Products and Services, Inc. for the Shelters for Dog Park at Martinez Park

Approved an Independent Contractor Agreement with Bliss Products and Services, Inc. for shelters at the Martinez Dog Park in the amount of \$122,715.37; 3503550.601090.35538.

(H1c) Animal Services Donations

Approved the acceptance of donations in the amount of \$2,406 to Columbia County Animal Services for spay/neuter, medical needs or adoptions for animals; 2250301.433019.01713.

(H1d) Independent Contractor Agreement with Petersburg Tennis Academy, LLC. for Tennis Instruction

Approved the Independent Contractor Agreement with Petersburg Tennis Academy, LLC. for tennis instruction.

(H1e) Purchase of Wildwood Park Campground Items

Approved the purchase of Wildwood Park Campground items in the amount of \$238,633.32; 71103.13.015.

(H1f) Purchase of Banquet Chairs from MityLite, Inc. for Savannah Rapids Pavilion

Approved the purchase of banquet chairs from MityLite, Inc. for Savannah Rapids Pavilion in the amount of \$61,020.78; 3503550.601090.35510.

(H1g) National Recovery Month Proclamation

Approved proclaiming September 2023 as National Recovery Month.

(H1h) FY24 Service Agreement with FireKFiveK

Approved a Service Agreement with FireKFiveK in the amount of \$2,000; 1011001.533035.

(H1i) Service Agreements with Burn Foundation of America and Columbia County Community Connections for the 2023 CCFR Boot Drive

Approved Service Agreements with the Burn Foundation of America and Columbia County Community Connections for the 2023 Fire Rescue's annual boot drive in the amount of \$31,355 each; 2322510.533035.

(H1j) Purchase ProQA medical dispatch software from Priority Dispatch and Motorola Flex ProQA interface from Motorola Solutions.

Approved the purchase of ProQA software and training from Priority Dispatch and Motorola Flex ProQA Interface from Motorola Solutions in the amount of \$65,194.95; 1011315.511001.

(H1k) Juvenile Court Independent Contractor Agreement with Jordan Michael Hanson

Approved a Juvenile Court Independent Contractor Agreement with Jordon Michael Hanson.

(H2) Public Works and Engineering Services Committee

(H2a) Easement Encroachment Agreement, 126 Autumn Leaf Way, Tax map 073K Parcel 084, 0.27 +/- acres, and currently zoned R-2 (Single Family Residential).

Approved the Easement Encroachment Agreement for parcel 073K 084.

(H2b) Purchase of 3/4 Ton Service Body Trucks

Approved the purchase of two Ford F250 trucks from Alan Jay Fleet Sales in the amount of \$123,956 and three Ram 2500 trucks from Hayes Chrysler in the amount of \$167,163.

(H2c) Contract with Blair Construction and the purchase of concrete from SRM Concrete for the Water Utility Laydown Yard

Approved a contract with Blair Construction in the amount of \$29,000 and the purchase of concrete from SRM Concrete in the amount of \$55,000 for the Water Utility laydown yard; 57037.25.015.593.

(H2d) Contract with Blair Construction for Water Utility Campus Stormwater Improvements

Approved a contract with Blair Construction for Water Utility Campus stormwater improvements in the amount of \$365,776; 511.5000.60190.

(H2e) Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) with the City of Grovetown for Harlem Grovetown Road

Approved an Intergovernmental Agreement with the City of Grovetown for Harlem Grovetown Road.

(H2f) Purchase from Utilicom, 360 Network Solutions, Temple and Rythm Traffic Signal Equipment for Various Locations

Approved the purchase from Utilicom, 360 Network Solutions, Temple and Rythm for traffic signal equipment in the amount of \$360,587.89; 17374.37.015.

(H2g) Independent Contractor Agreement with Keck & Wood, Inc for Signal Timing Services for the Lewiston Rd Diverging Diamond Interchange

Approved an Independent Contractor Agreement with Keck & Wood, Inc. for signal timing services for the Lewiston Road diverging diamond interchange in the amount of \$12,000; 91313.24.015.

(H2h) Contract with the Georgia Environmental Protection Division for a 319(h) Non-Point Source Pollution Grant at Lakeside Park

Approved a contract with Georgia Environmental Protection Division for a 319(h) Non-Point Source Pollution Grant at Lakeside Park in the amount of \$248,381; 5215200.601100.

(H2i) Independent Contractor Agreements with Goodwyn Mills Cawood (GMC) for Select Activities associated with the 319(h) Non-Point Source Pollution Grant at Lakeside Park

Approved Independent Contractor Agreements with Goodwyn Mills Cawood for Grant Administration & Reporting and Select Activities Contract for the 319(h) Non-Point Source Pollution Grant at Lakeside Park project in the amount of \$41,950; 5215200.601100.

(H2j) Change Order 1 with ER Snell for TIA 2 Group 2 Resurfacing

Approved change order number 1 with ER Snell for TIA 2 group 2 resurfacing project in the amount of \$593,685.80; 91329.24.015.

(H2k) Resolution 23-45 and Project Delivery Agreement with GDOT for the Clanton Road Improvements, PI 0017527

Approved Number 23-45 and Project Delivery Agreement with Georgia Department of Transportation for the Clanton Road Improvements.

(H2l) An Independent Contractor Agreement with The Development Company for Abatement and Demolition of Tax Parcel 065012, 071002J and 071002K for the Hardy McManus Road Widening Project

Approved an Independent Contractor Agreement with The Development Company for abatement and demolition of parcel numbers 065012, 071002J and 071002K for the Hardy McManus Road widening project.

I. DEBATE AGENDA

(I1) New Business

(I1a) Development and Planning Services Committee

(I1a1) RZ23-08-01, Major PUD (Planned Unit Development) Revision, 2335 Laurens Street, Tax Map 075 Parcel 172, 0.18 +/- acres, and currently zoned PUD (Planned Unit Development).

Applicant Keith Blaschke explained why the revision was necessary. Commissioner Skinner made a motion to approve the request for a Major PUD Revision for property located at tax map 075 parcel 172 to permit a front load garage. Commissioner Couch seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

(I1a2) RZ23-08-02, Major PUD (Planned Unit Development) Revision, 2339 Laurens Street, Tax Map 075 Parcel 171, 0.18 +/- 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 075 parcel 171 to permit a front load garage. Commissioner Couch seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

(I1a3) RZ23-08-03, Major PUD (Planned Unit Development) Revision, 2341 Laurens Street, Tax Map 075 Parcel 170, 0.18 +/- 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 075 parcel 170 to permit a front load garage. Commissioner Couch seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

(I1a4) RZ23-08-04, Rezoning from C-2 (General Commercial) & C-C (Community Commercial) to C-2 (General Commercial) with Conditional Use for Retail Package Sales, 6697 Washington Road, Tax Map 024 Parcel 001, 5.01 +/- acres and currently zoned C-2 (General Commercial) & C-C (Community Commercial).

Commissioner Skinner made a motion to approve the request for a rezoning from C-2 & CC to C-2 with a Conditional Use for Retail Package Sales of Distilled Spirits for Off-Premise Consumption on property located at tax map 024 parcel 001. Vice Chairman Richardson seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

(I1b) Public Works and Engineering Services Committee

(I1b1) Residential Street Light Districts & Intersections Safety Lighting Procedure

Vice Chairman Richardson made a motion to approve the updated Residential Street Light Districts and Intersections Safety Lighting Procedure. Commissioner Couch seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

(I1b2) Resolution 23-47 Amending the Residential Street Light Tax Districts - *First Reading*

Vice Chairman Richardson made a motion to approve the First Reading of Resolution 23-47 Amending the

Amount Levied on Residential Street Light Tax Districts. Commissioner Couch seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

(I2) Items Added at the Meeting

J. LEGAL MATTERS

(J1) Resolution Number 23-46 Approval by the Board of Commissioners of the Issuance of Revenue Anticipation Certificates by the Hospital Authority

Commissioner Melear made a motion to approve Resolution 23-46 the Approval by the Board of Commissioners of the Issuance of Revenue Anticipation Certificates by the Hospital Authority. Commissioner Skinner seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

K. REQUESTS FOR REVIEW BY COMMITTEE

L. PUBLIC COMMENTS AND PARTICIPATION

M. EXECUTIVE SESSION

(M1) Personnel

(M1a) Facility Management Reorganization

Commissioner Melear made a motion to approve promoting Ted Vasquez to a Manager III Grade 30 at an annual salary of \$54,974.40 with a \$1,440 phone allowance, Leeandra McGee to a Manager I Grade 26 at an annual salary of \$47,923.20 with a \$1,440 phone allowance, Crystal Hill to Supervisor I Grade 14 at an hourly salary of \$16.71 with a \$720 phone allowance, Ethel Morris to Supervisor I Grade 14 at an hourly salary of \$16.71 with a \$720 phone allowance, Tressa Riley to Supervisor I Grade 14 at an hourly salary of \$16.71 with a \$720 phone allowance, and moving of Jonathon Mosley to a Tradesworker I Grade 14 at an hourly salary of \$20.47 and Stephen Kitchens to HVAC Tech Grade 21 at an hourly salary of \$19.87 with a \$720 phone allowance in the Facility Maintenance Department effective with the pay period beginning September 10, 2023. Commissioner Skinner seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

(M2) Property

(M2a) F&M Bank parcel 061017 and One Oak Investments, LLC parcel 061015 for the Grovetown Food Lion sewer line project.

Vice Chairman Richardson made a motion to accept the easement donation from F&M Bank parcel 061017 and One Oak Investments, LLC parcel 061015 for the Grovetown Food Lion sewer line project. Commissioner Couch seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

(M2b) An easement from Georgia Transmission Corp., an Electric Membership Corp. parcel 053148 for the Euchee Creek interceptor project.

Vice Chairman Richardson made a motion to accept the donation of an easement from Georgia Transmission Corp., an Electric Membership Corp. parcel 053148 for the Euchee Creek interceptor project. Commissioner Couch seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

(M2c) Eddie & Lanette Brown Tax Map 071015G, John & Dagni Frederick for Tax Map 077012C and for Tax Map 077015 to obtain right of way and/or easements for the Hardy McManus Road widening project.

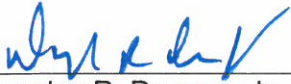
Vice Chairman Richardson made a motion to approve \$21,500 to Eddie & Lanette Brown Tax Map 071015G, to John & Dagni Frederick \$18,800 for Tax Map 077012C and \$12,600 for Tax Map 077015 to obtain right of way and/or easements for the Hardy McManus Road widening project. Commissioner Melear seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

(M2d) Allen Farms Homeowners Association, Inc. Tax Map 0671406 to obtain right of way and/or easements for the Hereford Farm Road widening project.

Vice Chairman Richardson made a motion to approve \$42,700 to Allen Farms Homeowners Association, Inc. Tax Map 0671406 to obtain right of way and/or easements for the Hereford Farm Road widening project. Commissioner Couch seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

N. ADJOURNMENT

At 6:29 p.m., Commissioner Couch made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Vice Chairman Richardson seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.



Douglas R. Duncan, Jr., Chairman



Patrice R. Crawley, County Clerk