



**Columbia County Board of Commissioners Meeting
Minutes for Tuesday, October 3, 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
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) September 19, 2023

Commissioner Melear made a motion to approve the minutes of the September 19, 2023 Board of Commissioners meeting as presented. Commissioner Couch seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

F. PRESENTATION AND APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Chairman Duncan presented the October 03, 2023 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) Community and Emergency Services Committee

(H1a) Animal Services Donations

Approved the acceptance of \$700 in donations to Columbia County Animal Services for spay/neuter and medical needs for animals in their care.

(H2) Development and Planning Services Committee

(H2a) Alcoholic Beverage License, Trishlom LLC dba Super Lotto

Approved the Alcoholic Beverage License for Trishlom LLC. dba Super Lotto.

(H3) Public Works and Engineering Services Committee

(H3a) Award BID#2023021-BID2720 Columbia County Fire Rescue 2 Replacement to Kuhlke Construction & Associates Inc.

Approved awarding the bid and contract to Kuhlke Construction & Associates, Inc. for the Columbia County Fire Rescue 2 replacement project in the amount of \$5,432,000; 22620.32.015.

(H3b) Independent Contractor Agreement with WSP USA Environment and Infrastructure, Inc. for Special Inspections and Materials Testing Services at Fire Rescue Station 2

Approved an Independent Contractor Agreement with WSP USA Environment and Infrastructure, Inc. for special inspections and materials testing services at Fire Rescue Station 2 in the amount of \$39,375; 22620.32.010.

(H3c) The Director of the Facilities Design and Construction department to have signatory authorization for Georgia Environmental Protection Division Construction Stormwater Permitting Documents

Approved authorization for the Director of Facilities Design and Construction to sign and certify permits and reports for General NPDES Permit Numbers GAR10001, 2 and 3.

(H3d) Independent Contract Agreement with Environmental Instrumentation & Calibration, Inc. for the Rehabilitation of Little River Disk Filters

Approved an Independent Contract Agreement with Environmental Instrumentation & Calibration, Inc. for the rehabilitation of Little River disk filters in the amount of \$98,868.05; 511.5115.601081.

(H3e) First Amendment of the Memorandum of Understanding and the Second Amendment of the Lease Agreement with New Cingular Wireless PCS, LLC. for the AT&T Antenna located at 5984 Columbia Road

Approved the First Amendment of the Memorandum of Understanding and the Second Amendment of the Lease Agreement with New Cingular Wireless PCS, LLC for the AT&T Antenna located at 5984 Columbia Road.

(H3f) Cayenta Billing Software Change Order #1

Approved change order number 1 with Cayenta for billing software in the amount of \$153,000; 511.5100.601090.

(H3g) Amendment to the funding source for the Autumn Trail Culvert Replacement Project

Approved the amendment to the funding source for the Autumn Trail Culvert replacement project from 17-22 SPLOST to Storm Water Infrastructure; 5215200.601100.

(H3h) Community Rating System (CRS) Re-Certification

Approved the annual Community Rating System re-certification.

(H3i) Independent Contractor Agreement with Keck & Wood for the Washington Rd at William Few Pkwy Intersection Operational Improvements Project.

Approved an Independent Contractor Agreement with Keck & Wood for the Intersection Operation Improvement project located at the intersection of Washington Road and William Few Parkway in the amount of \$93,014; 91330.22.015.

(H3j) Independent Contractor Agreement with W & A Engineering, LLC. for the Ray Owens Rd at White Oak Rd Intersection Improvement Project

Approved an Independent Contractor Agreement with W&A Engineering, LLC. for the intersection improvement project located at Ray Owens Road and White Oak Road in the amount of \$15,900; 28340.38.010.

(H3k) Independent Contractor Agreement with Cranston LLC. for the Ridgeline Drive Extension Project

Approved an Independent Contractor Agreement with Cranston LLC for the Ridgeline Drive extension project in the amount of \$26,660; 91330.22.015.

(H3l) Purchase of Excavator from Vermeer Southeast

Approved the purchase of an excavator from Vermeer Southeast in the amount of \$80,893; 6416400.601080.

I. DEBATE AGENDA

(I1) Unfinished Business

(I1a) Development and Planning Services Committee

(I1a1) Ordinance Number 23-07, Text Amendment, Chapter 90 Zoning, Section 90-97 Allowed Uses & Section 90-147 Use provisions - *Second Reading*

Commissioner Skinner made a motion to approve the second reading of Ordinance Number 23-07 Chapter 90 Zoning, Section 90-97 Allowed Uses & Section 90-147 Use provisions. Commissioner Melear seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

(I2) New Business

(I2a) Development and Planning Services Committee

(I2a1) RZ23-09-01, Rezoning from R-A (Residential Agricultural) to S-1 (Special), 5585 White Oak Road, Tax Map 017 Parcel 014B, 6.00 +/- acres, and currently zoned R-A (Residential Agricultural).

Commissioner Skinner made a motion to approve the request for a rezoning from R-A to S-1 for property located at tax map 017 parcel 014B subject to the following condition:

Planning:

R-A uses, including the previously approved Provisional Home Occupations, will continue to be allowed on the property.

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

(I2a2) RZ23-09-02, Major PUD (Planned Unit Development) Revision, 1870 Champions Circle, Tax Map 065 Parcel 250, 0.78 +/- 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 065 parcel 250 to reduce the rear setback from 50' to 25' to allow space for a pool. Commissioner Couch seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

(I2a3) VA23-09-01, Variance to Section 90-98 List of lot & structure requirements, 4036 Gateway Boulevard, Tax Map 068 Parcel 1054, 0.93 +/- 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 & structure requirements for property located at tax map 068 parcel 1054 to allow a 0' building setback for a proposed subdivision of land subject to the following conditions:

Building Standards:

Must meet all code requirements of a zero foot setback. This includes a two hour firewall separating the two properties. All new construction or renovation work must meet all applicable codes and amendments adopted by Columbia County, GA. These include but not limited to the International Building Code, International Fire Code, National Electrical Code, International Mechanical Code, International Fuel Gas Code, International Plumbing Code, Life Safety Code, Existing Building Code, Swimming Pool and Spa

Code and Columbia County ordinances.

Water Utility:

Each parcel must retain their own water and sewer taps.

Vice Chairman Richardson 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

M. EXECUTIVE SESSION

(M1) Property

(M1a) Gina Bennett trustee of parcel 031037D, Hardy Land LLC. parcel 031273, James McDaniel parcel 042156A, Vicki Dye parcel 042211, Henri Kalney parcel 053114 and Dylan & Grace Edwards parcel 063001B to obtain temporary and permanent easement for the Euchee Creek Interceptor project.

Vice Chairman Richardson made a motion to approve \$2,000 to Gina Bennett trustee of parcel 031037D, \$200 to Hardy Land LLC. parcel 031273, \$150 to James McDaniel parcel 042156A, \$1,525 to Vicki Dye parcel 042211, \$1,210 to Henri Kalney parcel 053114 and \$4,956 to Dylan & Grace Edwards parcel 063001B to obtain temporary and permanent easement for the Euchee Creek Interceptor project. Commissioner Couch seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

(M1b) Settling the condemnation action with Terry Randolph parcel 065016F, Civil Action Number 2022-ECV-0641 for the Hardy McManus Road Widening Project.

Vice Chairman Richardson made a motion to approve settling the condemnation action with Terry Randolph parcel 065016F, Civil Action Number 2022-ECV-0641, for a total consideration of \$175,000, for the Hardy McManus Road Widening Project. Commissioner Couch seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

(M1c) Parcel 060076H & parcel 060076E Columbia County Board of Education, Elizabeth and Charles Heath parcel 067100C, parcel 067100B & parcel 067099B Charles Heath, Charles Heath, Sr. parcel 067098, Sabrina Cliett parcel 072A056, Jacquelyn Brantley parcel 072A055, Faith and Jim Black parcel 072A023, Dharm Sinha parcel 067016, parcel 060036A & parcel 060036B Charles Gantt to obtain right of way and/or easements for the Hereford Farm Road widening project.

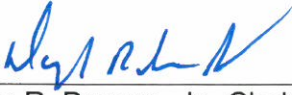
Vice Chairman Richardson made a motion to approve \$4,900 parcel 060076H and \$70,120 parcel 060076E to Columbia County Board of Education, \$693 to Elizabeth and Charles Heath parcel 067100C, \$7,245 parcel 067100B & \$3,815 parcel 067099B to Charles Heath, \$6,059 to Charles Heath, Sr. parcel 067098, \$188,400 to Sabrina Cliett parcel 072A056, \$219,000 to Jacquelyn Brantley parcel 072A055, \$6,600 to Faith and Jim Black parcel 072A023, \$2,052 to Dharm Sinha parcel 067016, \$13,000 parcel 060036A & \$7,000 parcel 060036B to Charles Gantt to obtain right of way and/or easements for the Hereford Farm Road widening project. Commissioner Couch seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

(M1d) A.R. Lane parcel 071015F to obtain right of way and/or easements for the Hardy McManus Road widening project.

Vice Chairman Richardson made a motion to approve \$53,000 to A.R. Lane parcel 071015F to obtain right of way and/or easements for the Hardy McManus Road widening project. Commissioner Couch seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

N. ADJOURNMENT

At 6:12 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