



**Columbia County Board of Commissioners Meeting
Minutes of Tuesday, October 17, 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 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
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

Vice Chairman Richardson 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) October 03, 2023

Commissioner Melear made a motion to approve the minutes of the October 03, 2023 Board of Commissioners meeting as presented. Commissioner Couch seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

F. PRESENTATION AND APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

County Manager Johnson stated that a Commissioner requested to move two items from Consent to Debate: Item H1g Software Agreement with Clariti Cloud, Inc. and Implementation Services Agreement with Unisys Corporation for Permitting and Licensing Solution to Item I1a3 and Item H2a Award Bid#2023023-BID3000 Fleet Services HVAC Improvements Construction Contract to Gold Mech, Inc. to Item I1b4. Chairman Duncan presented the agenda with the requested changes.

G. SPECIAL RECOGNITION, PRESENTATION, AND / OR DECLARATION

(G1) Recognition of Columbia County Parks, Recreation and Events for receiving national accreditation from the Commission for Accreditation of Parks and Recreation Agencies (CAPRA)

Commissioner Couch recognized Columbia County Parks, Recreation and Events for receiving the prestigious national accreditation from the Commission for Accreditation of Park and Recreation Agencies. This recognition confirms that Columbia County's Parks and Recreation department is operating according to the national standards of excellence, demonstrating its commitment to providing top-quality services and amenities to the community.

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) December 2023 Committee Meetings

Approved moving the December Community & Emergency Services and Public Works & Engineering Services Committees to December 12, 2023 after the Development and Planning Services Committee.

(H1b) Board Appointment of Troy Akers to the Columbia County Health Department

Approved the appointment of Troy Akers to the Columbia County Health Department Board.

(H1c) FY24 Service Agreements with Concerned Women Inc and Hattie Mae and Deborah Marshall Scholarship Foundation

Approved Service Agreements with Concerned Women Inc. and Hattie Mae & Deborah Marshall Scholarship Foundation.

(H1d) Fiscal Year 22/23 Required Budget Adjustment for Audit

Approved the Fiscal Year 2022/2023 required budget adjustments for the audit.

(H1e) Technology Consulting and Services Agreement with Harpe Engineering

Approved an agreement with Harpe Engineering for Technology Consulting and Services.

(H1f) Memorandum of Understanding with Georgia Emergency Management and Homeland Security Agency for the State and Local Cybersecurity Grant Program (SLCGP)

Approved the Memorandum of Understanding with Georgia Emergency Management and Homeland Security Agency for State and Local Cybersecurity Grant Program.

~~(H1g) Software Agreement with Clariti Cloud, Inc. and Implementation Services Agreement with Unisys Corporation for Permitting and Licensing Solution - This item was moved to debate Item I1a3.~~

This item was moved from the Consent Agenda to the Debate Agenda as Item I1a3.

(H1h) 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 \$737,434.34; 3523552.533035.35205.

(H2) Development and Planning Services Committee

~~(H2a) Award BID#2023023-BID3000 Fleet Services HVAC Improvements Construction Contract to Gold Mech, Inc. - This item was moved to debate Item I1b4.~~

This item was moved from the Consent Agenda to the Debate Agenda as Item I1b4.

(H2b) Easement Encroachment Agreement, 2133 Sinclair Drive, Tax map 067 Parcel 2328, 0.2 +/- Acres, and currently zoned PUD (Planned Unit Development).

Approved the Easement Encroachment Agreement for tax map 067 2328.

(H2c) Easement Encroachment Agreement, 4272 Washington Road, Tax map 072A Parcel 190, 9.5 +/- acres, and currently zoned C-2 (General Commercial).

Approved the Easement Encroachment Agreement for tax map 072A 190.

I. DEBATE AGENDA

(I1) New Business

(I1a) Management and Internal Services Committee

(I1a1) Resolution Number 23-51 Amendment to the Fee Schedule for the Columbia County Health Department Environmental Fees - *First Reading - Postponed to November 21, 2023*

Commissioner Melear made a motion to postpone Resolution Number 23-51 to the November 21, 2023 meeting. Commissioner Skinner seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

(I1a2) Resolution Number 23-52 to give Authorization to the County Manager and The Broadband Manager to Sign Indefeasible Right of Use Agreement

Commissioner Melear made a motion to approve Resolution Number 23-52 to give authorization to the County Manager and the Broadband Manager to sign Indefeasible Right of Use Agreements. Commissioner Couch seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

(I1a3) Software Agreement with Clariti Cloud, Inc. and Implementation Services Agreement with Unisys Corporation for Permitting and Licensing Solution

Commissioner Melear made a motion to approve the Software Agreement with Clariti Cloud, Inc. and Implementation Services Agreement with Unisys Corporation for permitting and licensing solution in the amount of \$947,790.02; 3503552.533035.35539. Commissioner Couch seconded the motion. Chairman Duncan and Commissioners Melear, Skinner and Couch voted in favor of the motion. Vice Chairman Richardson abstained. Motion carried.

(I1b) Development and Planning Services Committee

(I1b1) RZ23-10-01, Rezoning from M-1 (Light Industrial) to R-A (Residential Agricultural), 1808 Lonergan Hulme Road, Tax Map 029 Parcel 018C, 4.00 +/- acres

Commissioner Skinner made a motion to approve the request for a rezoning from M-1 to R-A for property located at tax map 029 parcel 018C. Commissioner Couch seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

(I1b2) RZ23-10-02, Conditional use for Indoor Animal Care, 4104 Colben Boulevard, Tax Map 078 Parcel 340, 1.00 +/- acres, and currently zoned M-1 (Light Industrial).

Commissioner Skinner made a motion to approve the request for a conditional use for indoor animal care for property located at tax map 078 parcel 340 subject to the following condition:

Environmental Compliance:

Hair/Lint interceptor will be required for the drains in the grooming area.

Commissioner Melear seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

(I1b3) RZ23-10-03, Major PUD (Planned Unit Development) Revision, 500 Oxbow Drive, Tax Map 061 parcel 2117, 1.91 +/- acres, and currently zoned PUD (Planned Unit Development).

Commissioner Skinner motion to approve the request for a Major PUD Revision for property located at tax map 061 parcel 2117 to add a Conditional Use for retail package sales of distilled spirits for off-premise consumption. Vice Chairman Richardson seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

(I1b4) Award BID#2023023-BID3000 Fleet Services HVAC Improvements Construction Contract to Gold Mech, Inc.

Commissioner Skinner made a motion to award the bid and contract to Gold Mech, Inc. for Fleet Services HVAC improvements project in the amount of \$1,066,180; 3503551.601090.35525. Commissioner Melear seconded the motion. Chairman Duncan and Commissioners Melear, Skinner and Couch voted in favor of the motion. Vice Chairman Richardson 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) Julia Spahalski parcel 067017D and Jennifer Mullins parcel 067011 to obtain right of way and/or easements for the Hereford Farm Road widening project

Vice Chairman Richardson made a motion to approve \$1,413.70 to Julia Spahalski parcel 067017D and \$3,358.60 to Jennifer Mullins parcel 067011 to obtain right of way and/or easements for the Hereford Farm Road widening project. Commissioner Couch seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

(M1b) Jacquelyn Brantley parcel 072A055 for replacement housing cost for the Hereford Farm Road widening project.

Vice Chairman made a motion to approve \$259,759.86 to Jacquelyn Brantley parcel 072A055 for replacement housing cost for the Hereford Farm Road widening project. Commissioner Melear second the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

N. ADJOURNMENT

At 6:36 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