



**Columbia County Board of Commissioners Meeting
Minutes of Tuesday, November 21, 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
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

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) November 07, 2023

(E2) November 07, 2023 Executive Session minutes

Commissioner Melear made a motion to approve the minutes of the November 07, 2023 Board of Commissioners meeting and Executive Session. Commissioner Couch seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

F. PRESENTATION AND APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Chairman Duncan presented the November 21, 2023 agenda.

G. SPECIAL RECOGNITION, PRESENTATION, AND / OR DECLARATION

(G1) Presentation

(G1a) Dave Olson President of Savannah River Mission Completion to provide an update of their mission at the Savannah River Site

President Dave Olson with Savannah River Mission Completion provided an update of their mission at the Savannah River Site.

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) Resolution Number 23-53 Urging the Governor and General Assembly of Georgia to Continue Efforts to Reform and Improve Mental Health Services for the Citizens of Georgia

Approved Resolution Number 23-53 Urging the Governor and General Assembly of Georgia to continue efforts to reform and improve mental health services for the citizens of Georgia.

(H1b) Purchase of Fingerprinting Equipment for Columbia County Sheriff's Office

Approved the budget transfer from contingency 101.1004.544007 to 101.1001.601090 for the purchase of a new AFIS machine for the Columbia County Sheriff's Office in the amount of \$36,950.

(H1c) Appointment of Reagan Williams to the SRS Community Reuse Organization Board

Approved the appointment of Reagan Williams to the SRS Community Reuse Organization Board.

(H1d) Resolution Number 23-50 Establishing Member Participation in The Interlocal Purchasing System (TIPS).

Approved Resolution Number 23-50 Establishing Member Participation in the Interlocal Purchasing System.

(H1e) Purchase of Vehicles and Equipment

Approved the purchase of one bucket truck from Wade Ford in the amount of \$235,815, one Bobcat Toolcat from Bobcat of Augusta in the amount of \$77,118.41, four Dodge Chargers from Thomson Motor Center in the amount of \$145,020, one Chevrolet Traverse from Milton Ruben Chevrolet in the amount of \$39,998, one John Deer 1600 wide area mower from Blanchard Equipment Company in the amount of \$66,675, and one Ford F-550 dump truck from Akins Ford in the amount of \$88,345.

(H1f) Department of Human Services Sub-Contract Agreement with Deanna Specialty Transportation, Inc. for Transportation Services through Columbia County Transit

Approved the Georgia Department of Human Services Sub-Contract Agreement with Deanna Specialty Transportation Inc. for Transportation Services through Columbia County Transit.

(H1g) Application and Agreement with Georgia Department of Transportation for FY2024 Transportation Trust Fund Program Allocation

Approved the application and agreement with Georgia Department of Transportation for FY2024 Transportation Trust Fund Program Allocation.

(H2) Development and Planning Services Committee

(H2a) Additional Funding for the Washington Rd Gateway Landscaping Project

Approved additional funding of \$200,000 for the Washington Road Gateway Landscaping Project; 3503550.601090.35517.

(H2b) Award BID#2023020-BID3000 Columbia County Tennis Courts Renovations to Continental Construction Company

Approved awarding the bid and contract to Continental Construction Company for Tennis Courts Renovations in the amount of \$1,875,000; 22140.32.015.221.

(H2c) Alcoholic Beverage License, MJ Family Korean Kitchen Inc dba Seoul Kitchen

Approved the alcohol beverage license for MJ Family Korean Kitchen Inc. dba Seoul Kitchen.

(H2d) Alcoholic Beverage License, S 12 Enterprises LLC dba Ivy Falls Wine and Spirits

Approved the alcoholic beverage license for S 12 Enterprises LLC dba Ivy Falls Wine and Spirits.

(H2e) Easement Encroachment Agreement, 204 Holden Drive, Tax Map 078E Parcel 347, and currently zoned R-2 (Single Family Residential).

Approved the Easement Encroachment Agreement for tax map 078E347.

I. DEBATE AGENDA

(I1) Unfinished 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 from November 21, 2023*

Commissioner Melear made a motion to approve the First Reading of Resolution Number 23-51 to amend the Fee Schedule for the Columbia County Health Department Environmental Fees. Commissioner Couch seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

(I2) New Business

(I2a) Development and Planning Services Committee

(I2a1) RZ23-11-01, Major S-1 (Special) Revision, 4528 Hereford Farm Road, Tax Map 072B Parcel 062, 0.44 +/- acres and currently zoned S-1 (Special).

Commissioner Skinner made a motion to approve the request for a Major S-1 Revision for property located at tax map 072B Parcel 062 subject to the following condition:

Planning:

In the event of future destruction, the primary structure on the property will be allowed to be rebuilt in its present location.

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

(I2a2) RZ23-11-02, Rezoning from R-1 (Single Family Residential) to S-1 (Special), 4933 Hereford Farm Road, Tax Map 067 Parcel 017G, 2.0 +/- acres and currently zoned R-1 (Single Family Residential).

Commissioner Skinner made a motion to deny the request for a rezoning from R-1 to S-1 for property located at tax map 067 parcel 017G. Vice Chairman Richardson seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

(I2a3) RZ23-11-03, Rezoning from R-2 (Single Family Residential) to R-1 (Single Family Residential), 4136 Day Road and off Summer Place, Tax Map 078B Parcels 055 and 056, 6.64 +/- acres and currently zoned R-2 (Single Family Residential).

Thomas Weisz, Tommy Norris and Ron Lewis stated their concerns of the rezoning request.

Commissioner Skinner made a motion to approve the request for a rezoning from R-2 to R-1 for property located at tax map 078B parcels for property located at tax map 078B parcels 055 and 056 with the following condition:

Commissioners:

1. No more than six lots with five of the lots having houses.

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) Scott & Tina Graham parcel 072B061, WJC Land Holding, LLC. parcel 072A347, Lily of the Valley Adult Care Solutions, LLC parcel 067017G, PCS Hereford, LLC. parcel 0601571 to obtain right of way and/or easements for the Hereford Farm Road widening project.

Vice Chairman Richardson made a motion to approve \$5,000 to Scott & Tina Graham parcel 072B061, \$61,525 to WJC Land Holding, LLC. parcel 072A347, \$73,000 to Lily of the Valley Adult Care Solutions, LLC parcel 067017G, \$95,600 to PCS Hereford, LLC. parcel 0601571 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

Commissioner Couch made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:32 p.m. Vice Chairman Richardson seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.



Douglas R. Duncan, Jr., Chairman



Patrice R. Crawley, County Clerk