



**Columbia County Board of Commissioners Meeting
Minutes of Tuesday, February 20, 2024 at 6:00 PM
Evans Government Center Auditorium, Evans, Georgia**

Present at the meeting included:

Chairman Douglas R. Duncan, Jr.
Vice Chairman 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

Vice Chairman Melear gave the invocation.

C. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chairman Duncan led the pledge to the American flag.

D. ROLL CALL / QUORUM

Chairman Duncan declared a quorum with four Commissioners present.

E. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

(E1) February 06, 2024

Vice Chairman Melear made a motion to approve the minutes of the February 06, 2024 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 agenda.

G. SPECIAL RECOGNITION, PRESENTATION, AND / OR DECLARATION

Chairman Duncan welcomed participants of the Columbia County Youth Leadership.

H. CONSENT AGENDA

In accordance with Columbia County Code of Ordinance Section 2-81(6), the following items were voted on collectively. Vice Chairman 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) Canceling of April 09, 2024 Management & Internal and Development & Planning Services Committees

Approved canceling the April 09, 2024 Management & Internal and Development & Planning Services Committees.

(H1b) Statewide Mutual Aid and Assistance Agreement

Approved the Georgia Emergency Management Agency Statewide Mutual Aid and Assistance Agreement.

(H1c) Independent Contractor Agreement with Asher Group for the Hyper-Reach Emergency Mass Notification System

Approved an Independent Contractor Agreement with Asher Group for the Hyper-Reach Emergency Mass Notification System in the amount of \$33,000.

(H2) Development and Planning Services Committee

(H2a) Independent Contractor Agreement with Four Seasons Landscaping, Inc. for Flowing Wells Road Median

Approved an Independent Contractor Agreement with Four Seasons Landscaping, Inc. for the Flowing Wells Road median in the amount of \$42,692.50; 91311.24.015.

(H2b) Alcoholic Beverage License, Brandon Wilde LLC

Approved an Alcoholic Beverage License for Brandon Wilde, LLC.

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

Approved an Alcoholic Beverage License for MJ Family Korean Kitchen Inc dba Seoul Korean Kitchen.

(H2d) Alcoholic Beverage License, Deep 502 LLC dba Dip Smoke & Vape

Approved an Alcoholic Beverage License for Deep 502 LLC dba Dip Smoke & Vape.

(H2e) Easement Encroachment Agreement, 380 W. Milledgeville Rd, Tax Map H03 Parcel 139A, and currently zoned B-3 (General Business District)

Approved an Easement Encroachment Agreement for tax map H03 parcel 139A.

(H2f) Ancillary Dwelling Variance, 3211 Ray Owens Road, Tax Map 025 Parcel 025, 12.16 +/- acres, and currently zoned R-A (Residential Agricultural)

Approved an Ancillary Dwelling Variance for tax map 025 parcel 025.

(H2g) Conditional License, Encroachment and Maintenance Agreement with MEGAH Real Estate Holdings for Tax map 078 parcel 156 located within the Evans Town Center Overlay District

Approved the Conditional License, Encroachment and Maintenance Agreement with MEGAH Real Estate Holdings for tax map 078 parcel 156.

(H2h) Conditional License, Encroachment and Maintenance Agreement with CSRA Electrical Joint LLC for Tax map 074 parcel 084A

Approved a Conditional License, Encroachment and Maintenance Agreement with CSRA Electrical Joint LLC for tax map 074 parcel 084A.

I. DEBATE AGENDA

(I1) New Business

(I1a) Development and Planning Services Committee

(I1a1) VA24-02-01, Variance to Section 90-53 List of lot & structure requirements, 7367 Lakeside Drive, Tax Map 001A Parcel 204, 0.42 +/- acres and currently zoned R-4 (Recreational Residential)

Commissioner Skinner made a motion to approve the request for a variance for property located at tax map 001A parcel 204 to accommodate an existing detached garage and proposed construction of a second detached garage subject to the following conditions:

Planning:

The side setback shall be reduced to 5 feet, and the front setback to 30 feet from the centerline of the road, for the proposed accessory buildings only. Any other construction must comply with the standard setbacks for the R-4 zoning district.

Commissioner Couch seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

J. LEGAL MATTERS

K. REQUESTS FOR REVIEW BY COMMITTEE

L. PUBLIC COMMENTS AND PARTICIPATION

(L1) Keith Finley and Brian Clayson to speak concerning the Euchee Creek Sewer Interceptor Project

Keith Finley and Brian Clayson spoke to the Board concerning the route of the Euchee Creek sewer

interceptor project.

(L2) Brenda Heidman to speak concerning using paper ballots in Columbia County elections

Brenda Heidman spoke to the Board about using paper ballots in Columbia County elections.

(L3) Andrew Hughes to speak concerning the application of county code

Andrew Hughes spoke to the Board concerning the Columbia County code and how some of it needs to have more clarification.

M. EXECUTIVE SESSION

(M1) Personnel

(M1a) Employment contract with Cheney Thomasson Eldridge as the Executive Director of the Development Authority of Columbia County

Vice Chairman Melear made a motion to approve the employment contract with Cheney Thomasson Eldridge as the Executive Director of the Development Authority of Columbia County. Commissioner Skinner seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

(M2) Property

(M2a) Doctors Hospital of Augusta, LLC for parcels 072A062 & 072A061 and John & Tonya Eller parcel 067737 to obtain right of way and/or easements for Hereford Farm Road widening project

Commissioner Couch made a motion to approve \$61,300 to Doctors Hospital of Augusta, LLC for parcels 072A062 & 072A061 and \$46,400 to John & Tonya Eller parcel 067737 to obtain right of way and/or easements for Hereford Farm Road widening project. Vice Chairman Melear seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

(M2b) Sue Rickey & Nancy Grorich parcel 072A254 for additional moving cost

Commissioner Couch made a motion to approve \$2,725 to Sue Rickey & Nancy Grorich parcel 072A254 for additional moving cost. Commissioner Skinner seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

(M2c) Monte & Nicole Holt parcel 071002K for additional moving cost

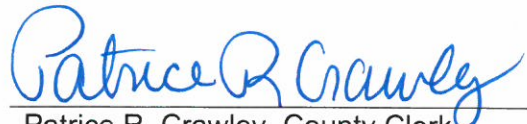
Commissioner Couch made a motion to approve \$14,126.88 to Monte & Nicole Holt parcel 071002K for additional moving cost. Commissioner Skinner seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

N. ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Couch made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:42 p.m. Commissioner Skinner seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.



Douglas R. Duncan, Jr., Chairman



Patrice R. Crawley, County Clerk