

Columbia County  
Board of County Commissioners

Minutes of  
**August 4, 2016**

The Columbia County Board of County Commissioners met in a regular meeting at the auditorium of the School Board Administrative Complex at 5:30 p.m. The meeting opened with prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

Commissioners in Attendance: Chairman Bucky Nash, Scarlet Frisina, Ronald Williams, Rusty DePratter and Everett Phillips.

Others in Attendance: County Manager Ben Scott ("CM")  
Assistant County Manager Scott Ward ("ACM")  
Assistant County Manager Kevin Kirby ("ACM")  
County Attorney Joel Foreman  
Deputy Clerk Katrina Vercher

### **Agenda Additions/Deletions**

Additions:

- Montgomery Building Lease Agreement
- Insurance renewal

Deletions:

- FRDAP Grant Award for Westside Community Center Improvements
- Consent Item #16

MOTION by Commissioner Williams to approve the agenda as amended.  
SECOND by Commissioner Phillips. The motion carried unanimously.

### **Ministerial Matters**

#### Presentation of Awards to Dispatchers

911 Director Tom Brazil presented 911 dispatchers Courtney Blankenship and Stacy Murphy the first ever Stork Award for assisting with the delivery of a child on July 8, 2016. The family and the child were in attendance to thank the dispatchers as well.

MOTION by Commissioner Frisina to approve the consent agenda with items pulled. SECOND by Commissioner DePratter. The motion carried unanimously.

### **Public Comment on Discussion and Action Items:**

Citizen Frank O'Steen offered comment on the County's financial status.

Attorney Jennifer Tschetter spoke on behalf of Lifeguard Ambulance Service.

Tony Anteau, Vice President of Operations with Lifeguard addressed the Commission.

Citizen James Brinkley, Operations Manager of Lifeguard in Lake City, offered comment on the 60 plus employees of Lifeguard and their future.

### **Consent Agenda:**

- (1) External Budget Amendment – BCC Administration – BA # 16-71 – Gas Tax Revenue Refunding Note - \$2,463,666
- (2) BCC Administration – Resolution No. 2016R-17 – Regular Scheduled Meeting of September 1, 2016 be Rescheduled for September 6, 2016 at 5:30 P.M.
- (3) BCC Administration – Resolution No. 2016R-24 – Amending Resolution No. 2016R-14, Adopted July 7, 2016 – Conform the Form of the Series 2016 Note Contained Therein
- (4) Building and Zoning – Special Family Lot Permit – Amy Dianne Hitt, Daughter – Henry H. Aderhold, Property Owner – 2374 SW Koonville Avenue
- (5) Building and Zoning – Special Family Lot Permit – Kaleb Aderhold Alford, Grandson – Henry H. Aderhold, Property Owner – 2374 SW Koonville Avenue
- (6) Operations Department – Approval of FDOT Traffic Signal Compensation Agreement and Resolution No. 2016R-25
- (7) Operations Department – Permission to Perform In-Kind Services for the Columbia County Sheriff's Office
- (8) Operations Department – Requesting Approval to Perform Work on Private Property – Tarkington, Dennis & Carolyn, 201 SE Apache Way and Hewett, Richard & Valerie, 229 SE Apache Way – Brush Clearing to Facilitate Drainage
- (9) Operations Department – Position Description Reclassification
- (10) Operations Department – Utility Permit – Mobilities, LLC – Greg Place

- (11) Operations Department – Utility Permit – AT&T Authorized Agent Rebecka Bonts – SW Marvin Burnett Road and Hideaway Drive
- (12) Operations Department – Utility Permit – Florida Power & Light Company – NW Amenity Court, SW Heathridge Drive, Thomas Road, NW Fat Cat Court and Hunter Road
- (13) Operations Department – Utility Permit – Vertical Plumbing, LLC – NW Real Terrace
- (14) Operations Department – Utility Permit – Comcast Cable – NE Williams Street
- (15) Purchasing – Approval of Bid Award No. 2016-8 and Contract – Anderson Columbia Company - SW William Young & SW Sherlock Terrace Resurfacing - \$1,333,508.69
- (16) ~~BCC Administration – Minute Approval – Board of County Commissioners – Regular Meeting – July 7, 2016~~
- (17) BCC Administration – Minute Approval – Board of County Commissioners – Regular Meeting – July 21, 2016

MOTION by Commissioner DePratter to adopt the consent agenda.  
SECOND by Commissioner Phillips. The motion carried unanimously.

**Discussion and Action Items:**

Project 15-12

Director Hunter outlined the Economic Development Agreement that was approved by the Economic Development Advisory Board (EDAB) on August 3, 2016 with one change. That change being that if the number of jobs falls below thirty-five (35), then the company will not receive the \$125,000 incentive for that year.

Discussion ensued.

MOTION by Commissioner Phillips to approve Economic Development Agreement. SECOND by Commissioner Williams.

Discussion ensued.

Commissioner Phillips confirmed that his motion was to approve the agreement without the change that the EDAB recommended. Commissioner Williams confirmed his second.

The Chairman called for a vote. The motion carried unanimously.

## Health Insurance Renewal

ACM Ward outlined the insurance renewals and the changes that include a 4% increase in health and dental insurance premiums. There is also a change in basic life with AD&D premiums. The Insurance Committee recommended the Board approve this.

Discussion ensued.

MOTION by Commissioner Frisina to take Insurance Committee's recommendation. SECOND by Commissioner DePratter. The motion carried unanimously.

## Montgomery Building Lease Agreement

On May 19, 2016, this Board voted in principle, to approve a lease agreement with Halpatter Brewing. There were details still to be worked out in the lease. County Attorney Foreman outlined the changes that have been made to the agreement and recommended approval of the agreement as presented.

The significant changes were as follows:

- The date of the agreement will be today
- The delivery date has been removed, delivery will be immediately
- Improvements will be made at the tenants expense
- \$300,000 in County approved improvements within 12 months of the lease date
- County has the right to audit the expenditures
- Any additional taxes or assessments are the responsibility of the tenant
- Proof of insurance required

Proof of insurance was provided.

Discussion ensued.

MOTION by Commissioner DePratter to approve. SECOND by Commissioner Williams. The motion carried unanimously.

## County Wide Ambulance Service

An Evaluation Committee consisting of members, David Kraus, County Risk Manager, David Boozer, Fire Chief and Scott Rooney, Training Coordinator for 911, met on July 13, 2016 for the purpose of ranking the three (3) proposals received for Ambulance Service.

The ranking committee ranked the proposals as follows:

1. Century Ambulance
2. Lifeguard Ambulance Service
3. Excelsior Ambulance Service

CM Scott detailed these proposals to the Commission and recommended authorizing staff to begin negotiations with the No. 1 ranked firm, Century Ambulance Service.

MOTION by Commissioner Williams to take staff recommendation. SECOND by Commissioner Frisina. The motion carried unanimously.

**Open Public Comments:**

Citizen Stewart Lilker spoke in opposition to the Economic Development Agreement and requested that an update of County lawsuits be given.

Citizen Ralph Kitchens offered comment on Project 15-12.

John Glover, President and CEO for Century Ambulance addressed James Brinkley's concerns and announced that Century is in the process of getting their accreditation and stated that Century has 911 experience.

Tony Anteau, Vice President of Operations with Lifeguard, addressed Mr. Glover's remarks.

**Staff Comments:**

CM Scott announced that there will be Budget Workshop on August 18, 2016 at 2:00 pm.

Attorney Foreman announced that he will be in court on behalf of the County at 2:00 p.m. on August 18, 2016.

**Commissioner Comments:**

Commissioner Williams announced that Commissioner Frisina has been elected as Chairman of the Small County Coalition. He stated that it was an honor it is to have her as Chairman.

Each Commissioner congratulated Commissioner Frisina.

**Adjournment**

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:30 p.m.

ATTEST:

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Bucky Nash, Chairman  
Board of County Commissioners

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P. DeWitt Cason  
Clerk of Circuit Court