

Columbia County
Board of County Commissioners

Minutes of
March 16, 2017

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 Ronald Williams, Rusty DePratter, Tim Murphy, Bucky Nash 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:

Approval to enter private property, former consent item #6.

MOTION by Commissioner Murphy to approve the agenda. SECOND by Commissioner Phillips. The motion carried unanimously.

Public Hearings

Building and Zoning Hearings:

Land Development Regulations ("LDR") Amendment

Z 0569 -To amend the Official Zoning Atlas of the LDR, from RSF – 2 to RSF/MH – 2 for tax parcel 03003-000. [Ordinance No. 2017-2]

The public hearing opened and closed without comment.

MOTION by Commissioner Nash to approve Z 0569, Ordinance No. 2017-2. SECOND by Commissioner DePratter. The motion carried unanimously.

Z 0570 -To amend the Official Zoning Atlas of the LDR, from Commercial, Highway Interchange to Commercial, General for tax parcel 08885-004. [Ordinance No. 2017-3]

The public hearing opened.

Citizen Leonard Johnson spoke in favor.

The public hearing closed.

MOTION by Commissioner Nash to approve Z 0570, Ordinance No. 2017-3.
SECOND by Commissioner Phillips. The motion carried unanimously.

Road Closing Hearing:

Resolution No. 2017R-7 – A resolution vacating an unimproved right of way known as Dowling Street.

The public hearing opened and closed without comment.

MOTION by Commissioner Murphy to approve Resolution No. 2017R-7.
SECOND by Commissioner Phillips. The motion carried unanimously.

Public Comment on Discussion and Action Items:

There were no public comments.

MOTION by Commissioner DePratter to approve the consent agenda with item 6 pulled. SECOND by Commissioner Nash. The motion carried unanimously.

Consent Agenda:

- (1) 911 Addressing - Requesting Approval of Private Road Name - NW Pickens Glen - District 1 - Ron Williams
- (2) BCC Administration - Requesting Approval of Minutes - Board of County Commissioners - Regular Meeting - February 16, 2017
- (3) BCC Administration - Requesting Approval of Minutes - Board of County Commissioners - Special Meeting - February 9, 2017
- (4) BCC Administration - Suwannee River Economic Council - 2017R-5 - Local Housing Assistance Plan (LHAP)
- (5) Landscaping and Parks - Requesting Approval to Transfer Donated Funds - South Columbia Sports Park and Fort White Babe Ruth Baseball, Inc., - Assist Purchasing a Zero Turn Machine - South Columbia Sports Complex - BA 17-32 - \$10,375
- (6) Operations - Requesting Approval to Enter Private Property - Columbia County Fairgrounds - Down Tree Removal

- (7) Operations - Utility Permit - City of Lake City Utilities - SE Vet Loop
- (8) Operations - Utility Permit -Comcast - SW Finley Little Lane
- (9) Purchasing - Requesting Approval for Final Ranking and the Beginning of Negotiations RFP 2017-D Engineering Services for the North Florida Catalyst Site
- (10) Solid Waste - Requesting Approval for the Addendum #2 Engineering Services for Winfield Class III Expansion from Darabi and Associates, Inc. - \$75,000
- (11) Solid Waste - Florida Department Environmental Protection - Small County Grant Agreement w/Attachments - FY16/17 - Assisting with the Cost of Removing Litter on County Roads - \$90,909.00
- (12) Tourist Development Council - Requesting Approval of Madden Media Spring 2017 Retargeting Campaign - \$4,250

MOTION by Commissioner Nash to adopt the consent agenda with item 6 pulled. SECOND by Commissioner DePratter. The motion carried unanimously.

Former Consent Agenda Item #6

Request to enter private property, Columbia County Fairgrounds. The purpose is to remove a down tree. Commissioner Murphy disclosed that he is on the Fair Board and must recuse himself from voting on this matter.

MOTION by Commissioner DePratter to approve. SECOND by Commissioner Phillips. The motion carried 4 to 0 with Commissioner Murphy abstaining from the vote.

Discussion and Action Items:

Road Closing

A request that a public hearing be set concerning the proposed closing of Clay Drive located in Oak Ridge Estates, Unit 1.

MOTION by Commissioner Murphy to set public hearing. SECOND by Commissioner Phillips. The motion carried unanimously.

Sports and Recreation Advisory Council

Staff recommended abolishing the Sports Advisory Council due to lack of meeting participation. Resolution No. 2013R-16 provides that the Council may be abolished by action of the Commission at any regular meeting. In order to address the primary function of said council, staff proposed creating a staff group appointed by the County Manager.

Discussion ensued.

MOTION by Commissioner Nash to take staff recommendations. SECOND by Commissioner Phillips.

Discussion ensued.

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

County Manager Recommendations (PowerPoint Presentation Attached)

(1) Communication System Upgrade

The RFP proposed a 100 amp circuit and normal soil for two of the three tower sites. It has been found that the power consumption could be close to the 100 amp service and could cause a brownout. Therefore staff is recommending approval of an upgrade to the proposed tower sites to a 200 amp circuit, upsize the generator, replace fence and add concertina wire, plus take measures to lower resistance to soil. Staff recommends approval of the proposed change order to the Communications Site Development Agreement with Motorola Solutions, Inc. in the amount of \$73,759.

MOTION by Commissioner Nash to take staff recommendation. SECOND by Commissioner Murphy.

Discussion ensued.

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

(2) Capital Projects Change Order Policy

A policy to address change orders to capital improvement projects and to make the process more efficient.

Discussion ensued.

Citizen Stewart Lilker spoke in opposition.

MOTION by Commissioner Nash to approve proposed capital projects change order policy with the allowed amount being changed to \$150,000, not to exceed current budget. SECOND by Commissioner Mutphy.

Discussion ensued.

The Chairman called for the vote. The motion carried 4 to 1 with Commissioner DePratter voting in opposition.

(3) BA 17-34 Hazard Mitigation Grant

To purchase two parcels of land for a storm water retention basin for the area around SR 47 and US 27. Grant is for \$464,999.

MOTION by Commissioner DePratter to approve Hazard Mitigation Grant in the amount of \$464,999. SECOND by Commissioner Phillips. The motion carried unanimously.

MOTION by Commissioner DePratter to approve budget amendment BA 17-34. SECOND by Commissioner Murphy. The motion carried unanimously.

(4) RIVER Grant

The City and County are looking at a joint project to address drainage and erosion problems at Gwen Lake. The RIVER grant will fund materials and the work is to be completed by City and County crews. County will require a Memorandum of Understanding ("MOU") with the City before applying for the grant.

MOTION by Commissioner DePratter to get the MOU and then move forward. SECOND by Commissioner Murphy. The motion carried unanimously.

(5) Fort White FDOT SCOP Grant

The County is being asked to administer two Small County Outreach Program ("SCOP") Grants for the Town of Fort White. The grants are for the resurfacing and reconstruction of Dortch and Yulan Streets.

MOTION by Commissioner Nash to allow County staff to apply to administer FDOT SCOP grants for the Town of Fort White for Dortch and Yulan Streets. SECOND by Commissioner Phillips. The motion carried unanimously.

Open Public Comments:

Citizen Sandra Buck-Camp offered comment on Capital Projects. CM Scott responded.

Citizen Ralph Kitchens offered comment on Suwannee Valley Transit.

Citizen Stewart Lilker offered comment on other Boards that Commissioners serve on, use of Suwannee Valley Transit van and Lake Shore Blvd. CM Scott responded.

Staff Comments:

CM Scott announced a meeting with the Florida Department of Environmental Protection and Parks and Recreation on March 29, 2017 at 5:00 p.m. at the Fort White Community Center.

Adjournment

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

ATTEST:

Ronald Williams, Chairman
Board of County Commissioners

P. DeWitt Cason
Clerk of Circuit Court