

Columbia County  
Board of County Commissioners

Minutes of  
**April 6, 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**

Deletions: SW Woodgate Terrace (Agenda Item #5)

MOTION by Commissioner Murphy to approve the deletion of Item #5 from the discussion agenda. SECOND by Commissioner Phillips. The motion carried unanimously

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

**Public Hearing Road Closing**

Resolution No. 2017R-4 Clay Drive

Clay Drive is located in Oak Ridge Estates, Unit 1. The petitioners, David and Emily Martin own all the lots that are located on said road.

The public hearing opened and closed without comment.

MOTION by Commissioner Murphy to approve Resolution No. 2017R-4. SECOND by Commissioner Phillips. The motion carried unanimously.

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

There were no public comments.

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

**Consent Agenda:**

- (1) BCC Administration - Requesting Approval of Minutes - Board of County Commissioners - Regular Meeting - March 16, 2017
- (2) BCC Administration - Requesting Approval of Minutes - Board of County Commissioners - Special Meeting - March 16, 2017
- (3) BCC Finance - Appropriate Prior Year Excess Revenues for Current Year Court Innovations Equipment/Expenses - BA 17-37 - \$40,000
- (4) Building & Zoning - Special Family Lot Permit Application (SFLP 17-33) - Carolyn Carmen
- (5) Building & Zoning - Special Family Lot Permit Application (SFLP 17-31) - Terrance Jone
- (6) Building & Zoning - Special Family Lot Permit Application (SFLP 17-32) - John & Joann Murray
- (7) Economic Development - Approve Partnership Agreement with Enterprise Florida, Inc. – BA 17-35 - \$11,000
- (8) Emergency Management - Memorandum of Agreement - Florida Division of Emergency Management- Alert Florida Phone Notification System
- (9) Library - Request to Distribute Friends of the Library Funds to Appropriate Lines in Library's Budget - BA 17-36 - \$2,911
- (10) Operations - Permission to Enter Private Property - Dead Tree Removal - 319 SW Solstice
- (11) Operations - Utility Permit - Comcast - Placing 220' of U/G CATV Facilities - SE Country Club Rd to Serve 3856 SE Country Club Rd
- (12) Operations - Utility Permit - AT&T - Replacing Damaged Copper Cable and Placing Boring - NW Waldo Street
- (13) Operations - Utility Permit - AT&T - Placing approx. 2.0 kf of 24 Fiber Cable - Lenox Glen Place
- (14) Purchasing - Approve and Award - Bid No. 2017-G - Equipment Wash Down Concrete Pad - Little and Williams, Inc. - \$37,579

- (15) Purchasing - Approve and Award - Bid No. 2017-I - Brush Truck Fabrication – Southern Specialized Truck - \$22,945
- (16) Purchasing - Approve and Award - Bid No. 2017-K - Tanker Refurbish - REV Technical Center - \$208,360
- (17) Purchasing - Approve Contract - RFP 2017-D- Engineering Services for North Florida Catalyst Site - Moore Bass Consulting, Inc
- (18) Risk Management - Approve Modification #1 to Hazard Mitigation Grant - Sparr/Beth Project 4068-26-R

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

### **Discussion and Action Items:**

#### Project 16-15

Economic Development Director Glenn Hunter presented the Amended Economic Development Agreement with the changes the Board requested.

Brad Womble and Karri Grecian addressed the Board and requested changes to the agreement.

Discussion ensued.

The Commission requested the following changes:

- Certificate of Occupancy to be issued by July 2019
- Employee audit will be through the Worker's Comp audit and that any reductions would be pro rata
- Incentive will be 61% of Ad Valorem, not to exceed \$20,000 per year

MOTION by Commissioner Nash to approve with the changes stated. SECOND by Commissioner Phillips. The motion carried unanimously.

#### Assistant County Manager Recommendations (PowerPoint Presentation Attached)

##### (1) Bid 2017-J Roadside Mowing

In February the mowing contract was rebid with the two options that were suggested by the Board. We received a bid on both options from only one contractor. Option two would increase the cost by \$68,756.89. Staff recommends that we utilize option one.

Discussion ensued.

MOTION by Commissioner Nash to take staff recommendation. SECOND by Commissioner DePratter. The motion carried unanimously.

(2) Capital Improvement Projects Status

Using the attached PowerPoint presentation, ACM Kirby gave the Commission an update on all current projects.

Discussion ensued.

MOTION by Commissioner DePratter to approve restrooms and lighting in Fort White. SECOND by Commissioner Murphy. The motion carried unanimously.

(3) Ellisville Waste Water Treatment Facility

The original contract was for a steel tank, Worth Construction has submitted a contract change order for a concrete tank for a savings of \$49,000. Staff has verified that the concrete complies with the required specifications.

Discussion ensued.

MOTION by Commissioner Nash to choose the concrete sewer plant with no direct purchase. SECOND by Commissioner DePratter. The motion carried unanimously.

County Manager Recommendations (PowerPoint Presentation Attached)

(1) Clay Hole Creek/Ichetucknee Spring Basin Improvements

Requesting approval of a grant agreement with the State of Florida Department of Environmental Protection for the Eastwood Subdivision stormwater system improvements, the Price Creek Channel improvements and the Alligator Lake Control Structure and Outfall improvements. The improvements include retention ponds, conveyance systems, recharge wells, stormwater pumping stations and wetlands.

Discussion ensued.

Staff recommending approval of DEP Grant Agreement for Ichetucknee Spring Basin improvements to conduct preliminary engineering to bring back a property acquisition study before moving forward with the project.

MOTION by Commissioner Nash to approve DEP Grant Agreement for Ichetucknee Spring Basin improvements and request a scope of work for the engineer to bring back a property acquisition study before moving forward with the project. SECOND by Commissioner Phillips. The motion carried unanimously.

(2) Surplus Real Property

Recommending approval to sell the County owned parcels of land on the attached list.

Discussion ensued.

Each Commissioner will consider the County owned properties and make recommendations for surplus property and revisit at a later date.

MOTION by Commissioner Nash to surplus NW Carr Court property for sale. SECOND by Commissioner Phillips. The motion carried unanimously.

(3) Ellisville Economic Incentive

In lieu of a moratorium on capacity fees for the Ellisville Water and Sewer Service area, staff is suggesting a one-time incentive of \$10,000 to \$20,000 for each new business locating within that service area for a period to be defined.

Discussion ensued.

Commission requested a onetime \$15,000 incentive for new construction for a period of six (6) months with the possibility of extending the time period.

MOTION by Commissioner Nash to direct the County Attorney to prepare a resolution providing for \$15,000 incentive for building, new construction only for a period of six (6) months in the Ellisville Water and Sewer area. SECOND by Commissioner Phillips. The motion carried unanimously.

Discussion ensued.

(4) Highway 90 West Lighting Agreement

Lighting agreement with Florida Power and Light for the newly widened section on US 90 West. Staff will request these lights be added to the Florida Department of Transportation Lighting maintenance agreement.

Discussion ensued.

MOTION by Commissioner Nash to approve FPL lighting agreement to install lights on Highway 90. SECOND by Commissioner Phillips. The motion carried unanimously.

(5) Property Acquisition Guidelines

Staff considered the comments offered by the Board in prior meetings and presented a policy implementing those suggestions.

Discussion ensued.

Further changes were suggested by the Board. Staff was directed to work on the suggested changes.

**Open Public Comments:**

Citizen Merrilee Malwitz-Jipson offered comment on Rum Island, the wild flowers, lighting, Ellisville and a citizen committee.

Citizen Ralph Kitchens offered comment on construction workers, Commissioners DePratter and Nash.

Citizen Stewart Lilker offered comment on the amount of time for comments.

**Commissioner Comments:**

Commissioner Murphy reported on his trip to Tallahassee, Rum Island and Capital Projects.

Commissioner DePratter clarified that he intended his motion to cover the lighting at Southside and Ft. White. ACM Kirby assured him that the bid his motion covered was the bid for both lighting projects. He also commented on the Property Acquisition Guidelines.

Commissioner Williams offered comment on the slopes of Bascom Norris.

Commissioner Phillips spoke about tree limbs from the last storm that had not been picked up on Adams Road.

MOTION by Commissioner Phillips for the Road Department to pick up the limbs on Adams Road. SECOND by Commissioner Nash. Carried 4 to 1 with Commissioner Murphy voting in opposition.

**Adjournment**

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

ATTEST:

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Ronald Williams, Chairman  
Board of County Commissioners

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P. DeWitt Cason  
Clerk of Circuit Court