

Columbia County
Board of County Commissioners
Special Meeting/Budget Workshop

Minutes of
May 4, 2017

The Columbia County Board of County Commissioners met in a special meeting /workshop at the auditorium of the School Board Administrative Complex at 3:00 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
BOCC Finance Director Danielle Beard
Sheriff Mark Hunter
Deputy Clerk Katrina Vercher

This is the continuation of the April 25, 2017 budget workshop/special meeting.

Public Comment on Discussion and Action Items:

Citizen Lane Watkins offered comment on interaction with the public and the budget process.

Citizen Stewart Lilker offered comment on the County's strategic Plan and the County's mission. CM Scott, ACM Ward and Commissioner Williams responded.

Budget Presentation

CM Scott gave a PowerPoint presentation on the following topics:

- Detention Center Repair/Replacement
- Economic Development
- Policy Development
- Communications System Improvements
- Recreation Enhancements
- Ellisville Development
- Strategic Planning

Detention Center

The Public Safety Coordinating Council met on January 17, 2017 and recommended building the new County Jail at the Sheriff's Operation Center on East Highway 90.

Using the PowerPoint presentation that is attached to the minutes of April 25, 2017, CM Scott presented the site options reviewed by the Public Safety Coordinating Council.

Bill Rutherford with Clemons, Rutherford and Associates, answered questions about the designs.

Discussion ensued.

MOTION by Commissioner Nash to take the Public Safety Coordinating Council's recommendation. SECOND by Commissioner Murphy.

Citizen Stewart Lilker offered comment. CM Scott responded.

Sheriff Mark Hunter addressed the Board.

Discussion ensued.

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

Open Public Comments:

Citizen Lane Watkins offered comment on the equipment replacement program and raising taxes. Commissioner DePratter responded.

Citizen Stewart Lilker offered comment on strategic planning. CM Scott responded.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 5:25 p.m.

ATTEST:

Ronald Williams, Chairman
Board of County Commissioners

P. DeWitt Cason
Clerk of Circuit Court

