

Columbia County
Board of County Commissioners

Minutes of
May 4, 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
County Planner Brandon Stubbs
Deputy Clerk Katrina Vercher

Agenda Additions/Deletions

Additions:
Resolution 2017R - 12

Deletions:
None.

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

Ministerial Matters

Florida Department of Transportation ("FDOT") County Work Program

Barney Bennette and Bill Henderson with FDOT, outlined the County Work Program priorities and requested Board input.

Discussion ensued.

Columbia County Robotics Team

Chris Dampier, Mentor for the team, addressed the Board and a brief video was shown about the Get Smart Robotics Team.

Students Taylor Dampier and Sarah Griffin spoke about the team and the impact being a part of it has had on their lives.

Public Hearings

Building and Zoning Hearings:

Land Development Regulations (“LDR”) Amendment

Z 0572 -To amend the Official Zoning Atlas of the LDR, from PRRD to A-3 for tax parcel 09280-000, 03599-000 & 09157-000. [Ordinance No. 2017-6]

The public hearing opened and closed without comment.

MOTION by Commissioner Murphy to adopt Z 0572, Ordinance No. 2017-6.
SECOND by Commissioner Phillips. The motion carried unanimously.

Public Comment on Discussion and Action Items:

Citizen Stewart Lilker offered comment on item seven (7) of the consent agenda. CM Scott responded.

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

Consent Agenda:

- (1) BCC Administration - Requesting Approval of Proclamation No. 2017P-5 - Recognizing May 8, 2017 as "Child Welfare Professionals Recognition Day"
- (2) BCC Administration - Budget Amendment Request to Allocate Insurance Proceeds from the Loss of a 2012 Motor Grader - Motor Grader Caught Fire on January 20, 2017 - and was Determined to be a Total Loss after Investigation by PGIT and York Insurance - BA 17-44 - \$180,080
- (3) BCC Administration - Requesting Approval of Minutes - Board of County Commissioners - Regular Meeting - April 2, 2017
- (4) Building and Zoning - Refund Request for Culvert and Culvert Waiver Permit (2395) on Same Parcel - \$75
- (5) Building and Zoning - Special Family Lot Permit Application (SFLP 17 37) - Douglas and Kimmy Edgely, Property Owner - Ragan Elise Edgely – Daughter
- (6) Building and Zoning - Reappointment for Robert F. Jordan to the Board of

Adjustment/Planning & Zoning Board for a 3-year term Beginning March 2017 and Ending March 2020

- (7) Human Resources - Requesting Approval of Personnel Policies and Procedures
- (8) Operations - Utility Permit from Comcast - SW Lancelot Glen
- (9) Operations - Utility Permit from Comcast - County Road 242
- (10) Operations - Utility Permit from Comcast - SW Stewart Loop
- (11) Operations - Utility Permit from Comcast - SW Tustenuggee Ave
- (12) Operations - Requesting Approval to Provide Raw Materials and Preparation Labor for Resurfacing of Richardson Parking Lot
- (13) Risk Management - Appropriate \$13,500 from Contingency for the Purchase of 2 Parcels from the Board of Trustees of the Internal Improvement Trust Fund (DEP) for the US27/SR47 HMGP Project and Authorize the Purchase of the Parcels - BA 17-45 - \$13,500
- (14) Supervisor of Elections - Budget Amendment Request for Legal Services - BA 17-46 \$4,080

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

Discussion and Action Items:

Herlong Road Phase II Update

ACM Kirby gave the Commission an update on the progress of project. There are two landowners that have not responded to the County's request to purchase a right-of-way for the road.

Discussion ensued.

MOTION by Commissioner Phillips to send correspondence giving the two landowners fourteen days to respond, if they do not then we move for eminent domain. .
SECOND by Commissioner Nash.

Discussion ensued.

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

Lake City Country Club Drainage Easements

Flooding in the Lake City Country Club has been an issue for some time. The owner of the Country Club has agreed to grant easements to the County at no cost to help with this problem.

ACM Kirby recommended approval to obtain easements in the Lake City Country Club area to facilitate Drainage maintenance.

Discussion ensued.

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

Request for Adoption Hearing – Ordinance 2017-9

County Attorney Foreman requested permission to set an adoption hearing for Ordinance 2017- 9, Florida Friendly Use of Fertilizer on Urban Landscapes.

Discussion ensued.

MOTION by Commissioner Nash to approve setting an adoption hearing for June 1, 2017. SECOND by Commissioner Phillips. The motion carried unanimously.

Power to Rescind a Resolution Vacating a Plat

The Board requested that County Attorney Foreman review and answer the below question;

Can the County, through the BOCC, rescind the vacation of a platted subdivision when the vacation was completed through a public hearing process, the time for review of that Board action has expired, and the landowner now wishes to return the land to a platted state.

Attorney Forman stated that since there is a statutory and regulatory process for the establishment and annulment of platted subdivisions, and since both processes have been undertaken with respect to the subject lands, the legal status of the property is presently un-platted acreage. To change that legal status, it would appear that nothing less than the minimal statutory processes must be followed again.

Commissioner Nash expressed concern over platted subdivisions that require homeowner's associations to maintain their own infrastructure.

Discussion ensued. No formal action taken.

Resolution No. 2017R-12 – Temporary Burn Ban

A resolution declaring a State of General Emergency and temporarily banning certain burning activities. The resolution will be in effect for as long as Executive Order 17-120 as issued by the Governor of the State of Florida shall remain in force and effect.

MOTION by Commissioner Phillips to approve Resolution No. 2017R-12.
SECOND by Commissioner Murphy. The motion carried unanimously.

Cole Terrace

CM Scott requested Board direction on the assignment of a right of way for the alignment of Cole Terrence pursuant to the stipulated final judgment for the Overflow Land Trust property.

Discussion ensued.

MOTION by Commissioner DePratter to direct staff to request that the landowner donate the property, if he chooses not to then we will not request to extend the reservation of the right-of-way. SECOND by Commissioner Nash.

Discussion ensued.

The Chairman called for the vote. The motion carried 3 to 2 with Commissioners Williams and Murphy voting in opposition.

Open Public Comments:

Citizen Sandra Smith offered comment on the Cole Road property.

Citizen Stewart Lilker offered comment on the meeting rules and Herlong Road.

Citizen Trisha Cristenson offered comment on Herlong Road.

Commissioner Comments:

Commissioner Murphy spoke of debris being picked up by the Landfill due to a safety concern reported by Code Enforcement.

MOTION by Commissioner Murphy to direct the Landfill to remove tree debris on Eloise Ave. SECOND by Commissioner DePratter.

Discussion ensued.

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

Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

ATTEST:

Ronald Williams, Chairman
Board of County Commissioners

P. DeWitt Cason
Clerk of Circuit Court