

Columbia County
Board of County Commissioners
Special Meeting/Budget Workshop

Minutes of
June 26, 2017

The Columbia County Board of County Commissioners met in a special meeting /workshop at the auditorium of the School Board Administrative Complex at 9:00 a.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 and Bucky Nash (Commissioner Phillips is out on medical leave)

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

Agenda Additions/Deletions

Additions:
Detailed Work Plan Budget

Deletions:
None

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

Public Comment on Discussion and Action Items:

There were no public comments.

Mosquito Control Budget

The deadline for submittal of the fiscal year 2017/2018 detailed work plan to the Department of Agriculture is July 15, 2017 for Mosquito Control funding.

The plan that is attached to the original minutes was presented to the Board and recommended for approval.

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

Discussion ensued.

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

Budget Presentation

CM Scott gave a PowerPoint presentation on the following topics:

- Fire Department
- Budget Process
- County Debt/Finances
- Road Improvement Needs/Options
- Stormwater Mitigation
- Administrative Space Needs
- Detention Center Repair/Replacement
- Economic Development
- Policy Development
- Communications System Improvements
- Recreation Enhancements
- Ellisville Development
- Strategic Planning

The following topics had additions or motions.

Capital Improvements

Commissioner DePratter requested that renovation to the Fort White Community Center be added to the Capital Improvement Project list.

Detention Center

Staff asked the Board to consider a construction management firm for the new detention center.

Discussion ensued.

MOTION by Commissioner Nash to form a committee made up of Commissioner Murphy, CM Scott and Sheriff Hunter to do the RFP for the architect and then meet with the architect they pick and make a determination about your construction manager and start trying to hammer down the prices and bring back a recommendation to the Board. SECOND by Commissioner DePratter. The motion carried unanimously.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 11:00 a.m.

ATTEST:

Tim Murphy, Chairman
Board of County Commissioners

P. DeWitt Cason
Clerk of Circuit Court