

Columbia County
Board of County Commissioners
Budget Workshop

Minutes of
August 17, 2017

The Columbia County Board of County Commissioners met in a special meeting /workshop at the auditorium of the School Board Administrative Complex at 2:00 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
Clerk of Court P. DeWitt Cason
BOCC Finance Director Danielle Beard
Clerk of Court Finance Director Chad Crews
Sheriff Mark Hunter
Deputy Clerk Katrina Vercher

Public Comment on Agenda Topics

Members of the public addressed the Board with their comments and/or questions regarding the following items:

- Ms. Barbara Lemley on a new administrative building location and the new jail.
- Mr. Stewart Lilker on the location of a new administrative building and the Olustee Festival.

Budget Workshop Presentation

CM Scott gave a brief explanation on Goals and Objectives for the coming year.

CM Scott presented the proposed Floor Budget for fiscal year 2017-2018 using the attached PowerPoint presentation.

The New Jail Construction Project had the following motion:

MOTION by Commissioner DePratter to revert the millage in the budget for the first budget hearing to 8.015, the previous year's millage rate, to place the Charter County and Regional Transportation System Surtax on the next Primary Election at one

percent and to set aside two (2) million dollars in excess reserves in the 2018-2019 budget. SECOND by Commissioner Murphy.

Mr. Stewart Lilker offered comment.

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

Public Hearings

Thursday September 7, 2017 at 5:30 p.m. – First Budget Hearing

Thursday September 21 , 2017 at 5:30 p.m. – Final Budget Hearing

Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 5:00 p.m.

ATTEST:

Ronald Williams, Chairman
Board of County Commissioners

P. DeWitt Cason
Clerk of Circuit Court