

Columbia County
Board of County Commissioners

Minutes of
October 5, 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, Tim Murphy,
Bucky Nash and Everett Phillips.

Commissioners Absent: Rusty DePratter

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

Additions:

- Proclamation 2017P-10

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

Ministerial Matters

CM Scott announced a public meeting at Stephen Foster Folk Culture Center State Park on October 10, 2017, beginning at 5:30 to view the Park Unit Management Plan Updates and Objectives.

Public Hearings

Temporary Moratorium for New Internet Gaming Business

County Attorney Joel Foreman presented the Board with Ordinance No. 2017-17, enacting a temporary moratorium to prohibit the filing, acceptance or processing of any permit, development order, or any other official action of the County having the effect of permitting or allowing the construction or operation of any internet gaming/gambling business within the County.

The public hearing opened and closed without comment.

MOTION by Commissioner Murphy to approve Ordinance No. 2017-17.
SECOND by Commissioner Phillips. The motion carried unanimously.

Consent Agenda:

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

- (1) BCC Administration - Requesting Approval of Minutes - Board of County Commissioners - Workshop Meeting - September 7, 2017
- (2) BCC Administration - Requesting Approval of Minutes - Board of County Commissioners - Regular Meeting - September 7, 2017
- (3) BCC Administration - Requesting Approval of Minutes - Board of County Commissioners - Special Meeting - September 14, 2017
- (4) BCC Administration - Requesting Approval of Minutes - Board of County Commissioners - Regular/Final Budget Meeting - September 21, 2017
- (5) BCC Administration - Requesting Approval of Sanitary Sewer Easement Agreement - Love's Travel Stops & Country Stores, Inc.
- (6) BCC Administration - Memorandum of Understanding - Prolific Juvenile Offenders – Florida Department of Juvenile Justice, Columbia County Sheriff's Office, and the Columbia County Combined Communications Center
- (7) BCC Administration - Requesting Approval of Adopt-A-Shore Program Agreement between Columbia County and Current Problems, Inc. - FY 2017-2018 - \$10,000
- (8) BCC Administration - Requesting Approval of Renewal of the Medical Examiner Agreement with City of Jacksonville - \$240,000 annually
- (9) Building and Zoning - Special Family Lot Permit - SFLP 17 42 - for Michelle Rosbury Cruz, Daughter - Johanna Rosbury, Property Owner - District 5 - Commissioner Tim Murphy
- (10) Central Communications - Emergency Repairs Due to Equipment Failure - (Network Equipment and Generators) - \$10,000
- (11) Columbia County Fire Department - Request Needed to Order Equipment for the Startup of 2 (two) ALS Engines - BA 18-01 - \$80,000

- (12) Columbia County Fire Department - Requesting Approval of Resolution No. 2017R-50 – EMS State Grant for Monies to Improve and Expand Columbia County's Out-of-Hospital EMS System - \$13,474
- (13) Library - Requesting Approval for the Library to Hold Food for Fines Project - November 13- 19, 2017
- (14) Library - Requesting Approval of the Library to Close December 23, 24, 2017
- (15) Public Works - Utility Permit - AT&T - NW Eadie Street and Edison Way
- (16) Public Works - Requesting Approval of Resolution No. 2017R-47 - FDOT Reimbursement Agreement to Construct Sidewalk on Gabriel Place and Birley Avenue from Pinemount Elementary to US Hwy 90
- (17) Public Works - Requesting Approval of the use of Sick Leave for Randy Cliff
- (18) Public Works - Requesting Approval of Emergency Purchases for Hurricane Irma
- (19) Purchasing - Requesting Approval of Review Final Ranking and Beginning Negotiations with No. 1 Ranked Firm Darabi & Associates
- (20) Purchasing - Requesting Approval of Ranking for RFP 2017-U CDBG Grant Administrative Services and Environmental Review
- (21) Recreation - Requesting Approval of Repair Essential Equipment and Install Safety Equipment - BA 17-69 - \$11,325
- (22) Risk Manager - Requesting Approval of Resolution No. 2017R-49 - A Resolution Approving County Manager, Ben Scott to Sign and Execute Community Block Grant Documents under Contract 17DB-OJ-03-22-01-N-16
- (23) Risk Manager - Requesting Approval of an Application to the Florida Job Growth Grant - Construction of Phase I Rail Spur - \$3,135,600
- (24) Risk Manager - Requesting Approval of the County to Apply for a Total Maximum Daily Loads Program (TMDL) Grant - Florida Section 319 Grant - Regional Initiative Valuing Environmental Resources (RIVER) Grant and Legislative Appropriation Funding for the Cannon Creek Stormwater Mitigation Project
- (25) Solid Waste - Requesting Approval of Mosquito Control Certified Budget for FY 2017-2018 - Florida Department of Agricultural and Consumer Services
- (26) Tourist Development Council - Request Approval of the 2017-2018 Smith Travel Report (STR) Contract - \$4,500

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

Discussion and Action Items:

Century Ambulance Request to Amend Contract

Century Ambulance Service requested a fee schedule adjustment to reach a minimum net income of 10% but not to exceed 20%.

Discussion ensued.

MOTION by Commissioner Nash to deny the increase. SECOND by Commissioner Murphy. The motion carried unanimously.

Project 17-8 Land Appraisal

An appraisal was requested in order to establish a benchmark price for the site identified by the project. The site consists of approximately 36.5 acres of Industrial Land located on northwest Bascom Norris Drive. The appraisal determined the market value of the property to be \$730,000.

Proclamation 2017P-10

Commissioner Murphy read the Proclamation designating the month of October, 2017, as Pharmacist month in Columbia County.

MOTION by Commissioner Phillips to approve Proclamation 2017P-10.
SECOND by Commissioner Nash. The motion carried unanimously.

Dr. Sandra Buck-Camp accepted the Proclamation on behalf of all Pharmacists in Columbia County and spoke a few words.

RFP 2017-0 – P25 700 MFZ Radio System

CM Scott presented the Board with the proposals received for RFP 2017-0 and recommended approval of the ranking and requested permission to begin negotiations with the No. 1 ranked firm; Motorola.

Discussion ensued.

MOTION by Commissioner Nash to approve the ranking and commencement of negotiations with Motorola. SECOND by Commissioner Phillips. The motion carried unanimously.

Open Public Comments and/or Questions:

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

Frank O'Steen – Economic Development and private roads.

Tyler Harris – Flooding and pumping water on a private road, and he requested help for the nine (9) families on his private road. Commissioner Williams responded.

Discussion ensued. It was suggested that Mr. Foreman call the Attorney General and get an opinion as to whether the County can help citizens on private property after the State of Emergency has expired if the issue was reported before the expiration.

MOTION by Commissioner Nash for the County Attorney to request an opinion from the Attorney General. SECOND by Commissioner Phillips.

Citizens Merrilee Malwitz-Jipson and Stewart Lilker offered comment.

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

Merrilee Malwitz-Jipson – Communication issues in the South end of the County.

Ralph Kitchen – Water on Troy Street

Jane Blais – Flooding in the South end of the County and communication issues.

Stewart Lilker – The need for better storm planning and the Lake Shore Hospital Authority.

Sandra Buck-Camp – She announced that FEMA will be at the High Springs library Friday, October 06, 2017 from 10:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m..

Commissioner Comments:

Commissioner Williams addressed post Irma cleanup and storm debris in the ditches.

Citizen Oni Allen stated that the debris is dangerous for the school buses.

ACM Kirby addressed cleanup and the need to set a cutoff date for debris pickup.

Discussion ensued.

MOTION by Commissioner Nash for the cutoff date to be one week from today.

Discussion ensued.

Commissioner Nash withdrew his motion.

MOTION by Commissioner Nash for the cutoff to be next Friday. SECOND by Commissioner Phillips.

Discussion ensued.

AMENDED MOTION by Commissioner Nash for the cutoff to be next Friday, October 13 and to place a full page color ad in the Sunday paper if possible under this short of a notice. AMENDED SECOND by Commissioner Phillips. The motion carried unanimously.

Citizen Frank O'Steen offered comment.

Mr. Bridges with the Lake City Reporter stated that the ad would be possible.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

ATTEST:

Ronald Williams, Chairman
Board of County Commissioners

P. DeWitt Cason
Clerk of Circuit Court