

Columbia County
Board of County Commissioners

Minutes of
October 19, 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 Kevin Kirby ("ACM")
County Attorney Joel Foreman
Deputy Clerk Katrina Vercher

Agenda Additions/Deletions

There were no additions or deletions.

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

Consent Agenda:

MOTION by Commissioner Phillips to approve the consent agenda with item number 10 pulled for a separate vote. SECOND by Commissioner Murphy. The motion carried unanimously.

MOTION by Commissioner DePratter to approve item number 10. SECOND by Commissioner Nash. The motion carried by a vote of 4 to 0, with Commissioner Murphy abstaining.

- (1) BCC Administration - Division of State Lands - Amendment 1 to Sublease 3638-01 – Mapping Discrepancy with the Legal Description
- (2) Emergency Management - Requesting Approval of the Agreement for The Management Experts (TME) to Conduct the Annual Local Mitigation Strategy - \$1,575
- (3) Financial Management - Allocate Equipment Reserves to Departments for Completion of the Approved 2017-2018 Equipment Replacement Plan - BA 18-06 - \$577,900

- (4) Fire - Requesting Approval to Purchase New Fire Engine - Replacing Old Fire Engine - \$300,000
- (5) Public Works - Utility Permit - AT&T - County Road 240
- (6) Public Works - Utility Permit - Comcast - SW Arrowhead Terrace
- (7) Public Works - Utility Permit - Fibernet Direct - SE Pounds Hammock Road
- (8) Public Works - Utility Permit - Windstream Florida, LLC - Elim Church Road
- (9) Public Works - Requesting Approval to Enter Private Property - Glen Skinner, Property Owner - 124 Buttercup - Driveway Washed Out and Fail on County Right-of-Way
- (10) Public Works - Requesting Approval to Enter Private Property - Columbia County Fairgrounds - Tree Removal and Light Grading
- (11) Public Works - Requesting Approval to Enter Private Property - Sherry Ratliff, Property Owner - Tree Removal from County Right-of-Way onto Private Property
- (12) Risk Management - Requesting Approval of Budget Amendment - Purchase T raining Equipment from USDA RBEG Funds - BA 18-05 - \$76,850
- (13) Solid Waste - Requesting Approval of Budget Amendment - Balance Accounts on FDACS Form - BA 18-02 - \$31
- (14) Tourist Development Council - Requesting Approval of Transfer \$1,500 from Reserves to Professional Services to Cover Cost of Architectural Contract Rolled Over from FY 2016-2017
- (15) Tourist Development Council - Requesting Approval of FY 2017-2018 #GetSocial Contract - \$4,000
- (16) Tourist Development Council - Requesting Approval of FY 2017-2018 ITI Webhosting Contract - \$4,500

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

Discussion and Action Items:

Ordinance No. 2017-22 – Requesting Adoption Hearing

Commissioner Murphy requested an adoption hearing be set for Ordinance No. 2017-22; an ordinance amending chapter 10 of the County Code of Ordinances to

permit the sale and consumption of liquor and alcoholic beverages on Sundays and to extend the hours of sale for liquor and alcoholic beverage establishments.

The following citizens spoke in favor;

Bill Aldridge	Ed Carey	Stacey Parsons
John Deschenes	Arthur Lowes	

Citizens Stewart Lilker and James Rountree offered comment and asked questions.

Sheriff Hunter addressed the Board.

Discussion ensued.

MOTION by Commissioner Nash to approve setting an adoption hearing. SECOND by Commissioner Murphy.

Discussion ensued.

AMENDED MOTION by Commissioner Nash to approve setting an adoption hearing on December 7. SECOND by Commissioner Murphy. The motion carried unanimously.

Tourist Development – Madden Media 2017-2018 SEM and Content Marketing Contract

Paula Vann, Tourist Development Executive Director, requested approval of a contract with Madden Media for digital marketing and search engine marketing initiatives for \$60,000.

Discussion ensued.

MOTION by Commissioner DePratter to approve contract. SECOND by Commissioner Phillips. The motion carried unanimously.

Surplus Land

County Attorney Foreman presented the Board with an offer from 216 Park LLC for the 0.16 acres at Faith Road and Bascom Norris Drive. The offer is \$1,000 plus closing costs.

Discussion ensued.

MOTION by Commissioner Nash to accept the offer. SECOND by Commissioner Murphy. The motion carried by a vote of 3 to 2 with Commissioners Phillips and DePratter voting in opposition.

Rum Island Park Project

CM Scott recommended approval and execution of a Memorandum of Agreement for cost share with the Suwannee River Water Management District for \$150,000 from the RIVER Program for the Rum Island Park Project.

MOTION by Commissioner DePratter to take staff recommendation. SECOND by Commissioner Phillips.

Discussion ensued.

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

Resolution No. 2017R-51 – November 2, 2017 Meeting

CM Scott requested approval to reschedule the November 2, 2017 regular meeting from 5:30 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.

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

Bond Funding

The Board previously approved \$8,000,000 from bond proceeds for construction of the new administrative building. In an effort to reduce the cost of borrowing, CM Scott requested Board approval to secure a fifteen (15) year fixed rate bank loan with the assistance from the County's financial advisor and bond council.

Discussion ensued.

Citizen Stewart Lilker offered comment.

MOTION by Commissioner Nash to approve. SECOND by Commissioner Phillips. The motion carried unanimously.

Open Public Comments and/or Questions:

No comments were offered.

Staff Comments:

ACM Kirby gave an update on storm debris cleanup.
County Attorney Foreman gave a report on the new animal control Magistrate.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:50 p.m.

ATTEST:

Ronald Williams, Chairman
Board of County Commissioners

P. DeWitt Cason
Clerk of Circuit Court