

Columbia County  
Board of County Commissioners

Minutes of  
**November 2, 2017**

The Columbia County Board of County Commissioners met in a regular meeting at the auditorium of the School Board Administrative Complex at 3:00 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  
Deputy Clerk Katrina Vercher

### **Agenda Additions/Deletions**

There were no additions or deletions.

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

### **Ministerial Matters**

#### County Work Program Priorities

Barney Bennette with the Florida Department of Transportation ("FDOT") presented the five year work plan. A copy of the plan is attached to the original minutes.

Discussion ensued.

### **Consent Agenda:**

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

- (1) 911 Addressing - Request Approval of Private Road Name - NW Dicks Lake Ct - District 1 - Commissioner Ronald Williams
- (2) BCC Administration - Request Approval of FEMA License/Use Agreement for Richardson Community Center

- (3) BCC Administration - Request Approval of Minutes - Board of County Commissioners - Regular Meeting - October 5, 2017
- (4) Building & Zoning - Special Family Lot Permit (SFLP 17 43) - Paulette Daley - Sister of Joann Mulholland, Property Owner - District 5 - Commissioner Tim Murphy
- (5) Building & Zoning - Special Family Lot Permit (SFLP 17 44) - Brittanie Taylor - daughter of Rick McKenzie, Property Owner - District 2 - Commissioner Rusty DePratter
- (6) Department of Health - Quarterly Report
- (7) Extension - Request Approval of New Lease for Xerox Copier - \$173 monthly
- (8) Public Works - Utility Permit - AT&T - Giles Martin Avenue
- (9) Public Works - Utility Permit - AT&T - NW Castlewood Court
- (10) Public Works - Utility Permit - Florida Power and Light - NW Moore Farm Road
- (11) Public Works - Request Approval to Enter Private Property - 110 NW White Oak Glen – Tree Removal
- (12) Purchasing - BA 18-07 \$106,000 - Request Approval of Bid Award and Contract - Bid No. 2017 -W - I-75 Sign Renovation to ANS Signs - \$106,000
- (13) Risk Management - Request Approval of Contract for CDBG Grant Compliance Assistance Services with Guardian Community Resource Management, Inc. - \$44,000
- (14) Solid Waste - FDACS FY17/18 Mosquito Control Contract - Not to Exceed \$31,540

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

### **Discussion and Action Items:**

#### Old Wire Road, Phase III – Bid No. 2017-5

The County received three (3) bids. The successful low bidder is Anderson Columbia, Inc. for \$2,369,405. Therefore, ACM Kirby recommended the Board award the bid to Anderson Columbia, Inc.

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

### Callahan Ave – Bid No. 2017-3

The County received two (2) bids. The successful low bidder is Anderson Columbia, Inc. for \$1,140,954.16. Therefore, ACM Kirby recommended the Board award the bid to Anderson Columbia, Inc.

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

### ACM Kirby Report

ACM Kirby gave the Board a brief update on Hurricane Irma debris and on the repairs of the slopes of Bascom Norris Road.

Discussion ensued.

### Resolution No. 2017R-52 – Alternate Special Magistrate

The need has arisen for an Alternate Special Magistrate. County Attorney Foreman proposed local attorney William “Bill” Brannon, Jr. be appointed. Mr. Brannon has previously served as a special magistrate.

Citizen Stewart Lilker offered comment.

Discussion ensued.

MOTION by Commissioner DePratter to change section three (3) to Mr. Brannon shall serve for a period of thirty (30) days. SECOND by Commissioner Nash. The motion carried unanimously.

MOTION by Commissioner DePratter for an RFP for a conflict magistrate and counsel. SECOND by Commissioner Murphy. The motion carried unanimously.

### Real Road Surplus Properties

After the completion of Real Road, the County has two parcels of property that are available; an eight (8) acre parcel and a two point six (2.6) acre parcel.

Partners of Hope International has proposed a land swap for the two point six (2.6) acre parcel. Staff has reviewed the request and recommends approval of the property swap.

Discussion ensued.

Pastor Lonnie Johns addressed the Board.

MOTION by Commissioner DePratter to move forward with process for a public hearing. SECOND by Commissioner Phillips. The motion carried unanimously.

There has been interest shown by various developers for the eight (8) acre parcel. Staff requested direction as to the Board's wishes on this parcel.

Discussion ensued.

MOTION by Commissioner DePratter to obtain an appraisal on the eight (8) acre property. SECOND by Commissioner Murphy.

Discussion ensued.

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

#### RFQ 2017-Y – Property Acquisition Agent

The deadline for this RFQ was October 17, 2017. At that time only one response had been received. Staff requested guidance from the Board on how to proceed.

Staff also requested an extension of the current Professional Services Agreement that expires February 28, 2018. This extension allows time for extending the deadline and contract negotiations.

Discussion ensued.

MOTION by Commissioner Nash to open the RFQ; do a contract as soon as the contract is complete, D.W. Hunt and Associates takes over. SECOND by Commissioner Murphy. The motion carried by a vote of 4 to 0 with Commissioner DePratter abstaining.

#### **Open Public Comments and/or Questions:**

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

Stewart Lilker on the microphones and on former Commissioner Skinner.

Wade Heitzman on the location of Century Ambulance in Columbia City.

#### **Commissioner Comments:**

Commissioners Williams, Nash and Murphy responded to Mr. Lilker's comments.

## Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 4:20 p.m.

ATTEST:

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Ronald Williams, Chairman  
Board of County Commissioners

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P. DeWitt Cason  
Clerk of Circuit Court