

Columbia County
Board of County Commissioners

Minutes of
March 15, 2018

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 Timothy Murphy, Rusty DePratter, Bucky Nash, Everett Phillips and Ronald Williams.

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

Additions:
Internet at Fort White Library

Deletions:
Surtax Ordinance

MOTION by Commissioner Williams to approve the agenda as amended.
SECOND by Commissioner Phillips. The motion carried unanimously.

Ministerial Matters

Proclamation No. 2017P-11

Commissioner Murphy read Proclamation No. 2018P-3 proclaiming April 2018 as Water Conservation Month.

MOTION by Commissioner Williams to approve Proclamation No. 2018P-3.
SECOND by Commissioner DePratter. The motion carried unanimously.

Polling Locations

Supervisor of Elections Liz Horne addressed the Board concerning the closing of polling locations in the County.
Discussion ensued.

Public Hearings

Resolution No. 2018R-5– Bonita Way and Tad Place

As part of our most recent Hazard Mitigation Grant Program, the County acquired all of the adjoining parcels on either side of NW Tad Place and the northern end of NW Bonita Way. These public rights of way are unpaved and are maintained at County expense. Staff is requesting closure of the roads as residential development of the parcels now owned by the County is prohibited by the HMG program and the roads no longer serve any public purpose.

If the roads are closed the County will have the option of fencing all of the properties in a single enclosure and the grant can be closed out.

The public hearing opened and closed without comment.

MOTION by Commissioner Williams to approve Resolution No. 2018R-5.
SECOND by Commissioner Phillips. The motion carried unanimously.

Land Development Regulations (“LDR”) Amendment

(1) Z 0578 -To amend the Official Zoning Atlas of the LDR by amending the zoning district from Agriculture-3 to Commercial Neighborhood for Tax parcel 04320-0014. [Ordinance No. 2018-01]

The public hearing opened.

Property owner Doug Jipson offered comment.

The public hearing closed.

MOTION by Commissioner DePratter to adopt Ordinance No. 2018-01.
SECOND by Commissioner Williams.

Discussion ensued.

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

Consent Agenda:

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

- (1) 9-1-1 Communications Center - Requesting Approval of 2018 Spring Rural E-911 Board Grant - Reimbursement Grant for Replacing Existing 911 Backup Logging Recorder - \$15,781

- (2) BCC Administration - BA 18-28 - BCC Administration - Requesting Amendment to Pay Half the Cost of the Sound System Upgrades - Columbia County School Board Auditorium - \$35,213
- (3) BCC Administration - Revised Resolution No. 2017R-56 (A)
- (4) BCC Administration - Requesting Approval of Resolution No. 2018R-7 - Rum Island County Park Boat Ramp Grant Application
- (5) BCC Administration - Requesting Approval of Minutes - Board of County Commissioners - Workshop Meeting - March 1, 2018
- (6) BCC Administration - SHIP Release of Lien - John and Jana Harrison
- (7) BCC Administration - Requesting Approval of Management Control Agreement Between Columbia County Sheriff's Office and Columbia County 911 Communications Center - Purpose of Providing Criminal Justice Information Technology Services
- (8) Building And Zoning - SFLP 18 06 - Requesting Approval of Special Family Lot for Christopher M. Charles, Son - Charles D. Charles, Property Owner - 1119 SW Cypress Lake Road
- (9) Building And Zoning - SFLP 18 07 - Requesting Approval of Special Family Lot for Vince Damiani, Father - Kathleen Damiani, Property Owner - 848 SW Koonville Avenue
- (10) Emergency Management - Requesting Approval of the Updated North Central Florida Hazardous Materials Response Team Interlocal Agreement
- (11) Fire Department - Requesting Approval for the EMS Reporting Program - \$2,839 annually
- (12) Library - Budget Amendment is to Distribute Donated Funds by the Friends of the Library back to Library - \$520
- (13) Public Works - Utility Permit - Florida Power & Light Company - NW Lake City Avenue
- (14) Public Works - Proposal to Charge Customers \$37/ton for Disposal of Concrete Waste at Landfill that is too large to be used for Road Base Materials
- (15) Purchasing - Requesting Approval to Dispose of Various Assets
- (16) Recreation - Gym Divider Quote - Southeastern Surfaces & Equipment to Begin Capital Project - \$8,362

- (17) Risk Management - Private Utilities Requesting the Transfer of Franchise – Facilities or Control of Suwannee Valley Utilities
- (18) Tourist Development - BA 18-29 - Allocate Reimbursement from Visit Gainesville and Gilchrist County TDC for Advertising - \$5,333
- (19) Tourist Development - Requesting Approval of the Interfuse FADMO Summer 2018 Half Page Advertisement - \$7,000

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

Discussion and Action Items:

Florida Department of Health Administrator

Commissioner Nash was on the committee that selected a new administrator for the Columbia County Health Department. Interim Director Ernesto Rubio introduced Thomas P. Moffses, Jr. M.Ed. as the new administrator of the Health Department in Columbia County. Mr. Moffses addressed the Board.

MOTION by Commissioner Nash to approve Tom Moffses as the new Administrator of the Florida Department of Health for Columbia County. SECOND by Commissioner Phillips. The motion carried unanimously.

Street Naming and Numbering Ordinance

County Attorney Joel Foreman requested this be set for an adoption hearing on April 19, 2018.

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

Lake City Animal Shelter

Facilities Manager Thomas Barritt spoke to the Board about the Lake City Animal Shelter plan to build a Spay/Neuter Clinic and asked the County to clear the property to accommodate a driveway and parking lot for public access to the clinic and to put down miling. Mr. Barritt also requested the donation of a pickup truck.

Discussion ensued.

MOTION by Commissioner Nash to approve clearing, paving and the vehicle. SECOND by Commissioner Williams. The motion carried unanimously.

BA 18-30 Courthouse Air Conditioner Chiller Repair

In January 2018, a maintenance inspection was performed by Johnson Controls. It was discovered that the compressor for chiller No. 2 had failed. Johnson Controls has offered two (2) options:

- 1) Under their service contract they would repair the existing compressor at a cost of \$15 to \$20,000
- 2) Replace the chiller with a newer more efficient chiller at a cost of approximately \$125,000

Discussion ensued.

~~MOTION by Commissioner Nash to approve option number two. SECOND by Commissioner Williams. —Motion withdrawn.~~

The Board directed staff to negotiate with Johnson Controls for replacement of both chillers. Commissioner Nash withdrew his motion, Commissioner Williams withdrew his second.

MOTION by Commissioner Nash to approve BA 18-30 in the amount of \$250,000 from General Fund Reserves to Courthouse Maintenance. SECOND by Commissioner Williams.

Discussion ensued.

Citizen Stewart Lilker offered comment.

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

MOTION by Commissioner Nash to approve option two. SECOND by Commissioner Williams. The motion carried unanimously.

Bid No. 2018-1 – Durant Street and Brighton Court

Bids for the resurfacing part of Durant Street and for paving part of an existing dirt road; Brighton Court were reviewed and staff recommends approval of the low bidder, Curt's Construction for \$226,221.

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

Bid No. 2018-A Motor Graders

Bids for the purchase of four (4) new Motor graders were reviewed and staff is recommending approval of the low bidder, Beard Equipment, in the amount of \$419,240.

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

Small County Outreach Program (“SCOP”) – Jordan Street

Staff is recommending approval of a SCOP application for SW Jordan Street for the Town of Fort White in the amount of \$408,827.

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

Fort White Branch Library Internet Service

CM Scott presented the Board with a proposal from Windstream for internet service at the Fort White Branch Library. Staff is recommending approval.

Discussion ensued.

MOTION by Commissioner DePratter to take staff recommendation. SECOND by Commissioner Nash. 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:

Merrilee Malwitz-Jipson on Rum Island Park.

Stewart Lilker on the chillers.

Commissioner Comments:

Commissioner Williams requested that staff prepare a list of all the County parks and compile a list of the services offered at each.

Commissioner Murphy commented on the brand of the chillers.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

ATTEST:

P. DeWitt Cason
Clerk of Circuit Court

Timothy Murphy, Chairman
Board of County Commissioners