

Columbia County
Board of County Commissioners

Minutes of
May 3, 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 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 Williams to approve the agenda. SECOND by Commissioner Phillips. The motion carried unanimously.

Ministerial Matters

Eagle Scout Project – Rum Island

Rodney Stragham is working to earn his Eagle Scout badge. He chose to make a presentation to the Board of County Commissioners on Island Park. He did an extensive study of the park and presented the Commissioners with suggested improvements to the park.

Steve Stragham, the father and Scout Leader of Rodney, addressed the Board.

Board members stated they would like to have a workshop to discuss Rum Island Park and encouraged Mr. Stragham to attend.

Ichetucknee Road Concerns

Citizen Perry Sauls addressed the Board concerning the condition of Ichetucknee Road and the amount of traffic on the road.

Discussion ensued.

Commissioner DePratter will meet with staff to discuss possible solutions to Mr. Sauls issues.

Pickleball/Tennis Courts

Chip and Donna Lynch, on behalf of the Lake City/Columbia County Pickleball Club, presented the County with a donation of \$5,000 toward the resurfacing of the outdoor pickleball/tennis courts at the Richardson Community Center.

Consent Agenda:

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

- (1) BCC Administration - Minutes - Board of County Commissioners - Regular Meeting - April 5, 2018
- (2) BCC Administration - Minutes - Board of County Commissioners - Regular Meeting - April 19, 2018
- (3) BCC Administration - Minutes - Board of County Commissioners - Special Meeting/Budget Workshop - April 19, 2018
- (4) BCC Administration - Memorandum of Understanding - Career Source Florida Crown
- (5) BCC Administration - Proclamation No. 2018P-4 - Child Welfare Professionals Recognition Day
- (6) Building And Zoning - Special Family Lot Permit (SFLP 18 10) - Akeidria Bailey, Granddaughter - Bernard & Thillian Bailey, Property Owner - 2036 SW King Street
- (7) Clerk to Board Finance - BA 18-41 - Paving Assessment Fund - \$6,960
- (8) Public Works - FDOT - Traffic Signal Compensation Agreement and Resolution No. 2018R-11 - \$84,780
- (9) Public Works - FDOT - FY18/19 State Highway Street Lighting Agreement - \$127,800
- (10) Public Works - Entering Private Property - 8767 Old Wire Road, Rex Jimmie Martin, Property Owner - Drainage Pipe Removal

- (11) Public Works - Utility Permit - Florida Power and Light Company - Suwannee Valley Road
- (12) Public Works - Utility Permit - Jackie Moore - 1374 SW Santa Fe Drive
- (13) Public Works - Utility Permit - Comcast - Donovan Glen

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

Discussion and Action Items:

Resolution No. 2018R-12 – Tourism Development Tax Funds

A resolution providing for the expenditure of tourism development tax funds for specific purposes that promote tourism in Columbia County.

Discussion ensued.

MOTION by Commissioner Williams to approve Resolution No. 2018R-12
SECOND by Commissioner Nash. The motion carried unanimously.

Resolution No. 2018R-13 - Liberty Ambulance Service, Inc.

A resolution issuing a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity (“COPCN”) to Liberty Ambulance Service, Inc.

Marsha Murrell with Century Ambulance Service spoke in opposition.

Danny Cribbs with Liberty Ambulance Service addressed the Board.

Discussion ensued.

MOTION by Commissioner Williams to deny the request. SECOND by Commissioner Murphy. The motion carried 4 to 1 with Commissioner Nash voting in opposition.

Montgomery Building Easement

The County has received a request from the Marion Street Bistro and Brewhouse to enhance the ingress – egress easement conveyed to them to permit the placement of utilities. The County has also received a request from the County’s tenant at the Montgomery Building, Halpatter Brewing Company that the easement be expanded to permit the placement of utilities/drainage.

Citizen Sandra Smith offered comment.

Discussion ensued.

No action was taken at this time.

BA 18-40 – Rum Island Project

Staff is requesting approval of BA 18-40 in the amount of \$150,000 to appropriate for the Rum Island Restroom Project (L1704) and transfer of related expenditures to L1704 Grant.

MOTION by Commissioner DePratter to approve. SECOND by Commissioner Nash.

Discussion ensued.

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

BA 18-42 – Amendment

The County signed an agreement to lease three motor graders in February 2018. Staff is requesting a budget amendment to recognize the capital lease within our budget. Revenues equal expenditures.

Discussion ensued.

MOTION by Commissioner Williams to approve BA 18-42 in the amount of \$693,843 for three (3) motor graders. SECOND by Commissioner Phillips. The motion carried unanimously.

BA 18-43 – Update Position Description

Tommy Matthews will be transferred to the Project Superintendent position, the project superintendent position description is being changed to say that this person will report to the County Manager. The remainder of his current salary and benefits will be transferred to the Project Superintendent position.

Discussion ensued.

MOTION by Commissioner Williams to approve BA 18-43 in the amount of \$24,982 for Project Superintendent for the remaining fiscal year, update position description and transfer Tommy Matthews to position. SECOND by Commissioner Phillips. The motion carried unanimously.

BA 18-44 – Rural E-911 Board Grants

Staff is requesting approval to accept the Spring 2018 Rural E-911 Board Grant for 911 system maintenance and replacement of backup logging recorder.

MOTION by Commissioner Phillips to approve acceptance of Rural County Grant and BA 18-44 in the amount of \$86,838 for equipment maintenance and replacement. SECOND by Commissioner Nash. The motion carried unanimously.

BA 18-45 – Communication Tower

The cost of the tower located at the Sheriff's office, \$112,906, is to be transferred from the Sheriff Fund to the Capital Projects Fund as part of the overall communications upgrade.

MOTION by Commissioner Williams to approve BA 18-45 in the amount of \$112,906 for the communications tower project. SECOND by Commissioner Phillips. The motion carried unanimously.

BA 18-46 – Sheriff Additional Revenues

As per the interlocal agreement between the County and Sheriff, the Sheriff Fund shall be allocated thirty nine (39) percent of additional funds generated by the five (5) nonrestricted revenues defined in the agreement, whether positive or negative. As per the attached calculations, the amount for fiscal year 2016-17 is a reimbursement due to the Board of \$225,361.

Sheriff Hunter addressed the Board.

Discussion ensued.

MOTION by Commissioner Nash to give the Sheriff the \$225,361, nonrecurring, for the use of school resource officers. SECOND by Commissioner Williams.

Citizens Stewart Lilker and Jim Rountree offered comment.

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

Open Public Comments and/or Questions:

Members of the public addressed the Board with their comments and/or questions regarding Rum Island Park:

Jim Rountree
Merrilee Malwitz-Jipson

Rocky Ford
Steve Stragham

Staff Comments:

ACM Ward said goodbye to everyone as this will be his last meeting. His last day of work is May 11, 2018.

Commissioner Comments:

Each Commissioner wished Scott Ward well in his new endeavor.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

ATTEST:

Timothy Murphy, Chairman
Board of County Commissioners

P. DeWitt Cason
Clerk of Circuit Court