

Columbia County
Board of County Commissioners

Minutes of
July 19, 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:
SFLP # 1822/Consent Item
Resolution No. 2018R-28

Deletions:
Rail Study

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

Public Hearings

Land Development Regulations ("LDR") Amendment

Z 0582 -To amend the Official Zoning Atlas of the LDR by amending the zoning district from Residential, Single Family – 2 to Residential, Single Family/Mobile Home – 2 for tax parcel 06637-000. [Ordinance No. 2018-13]

The public hearing opened and closed without comment.

MOTION by Commissioner Williams to adopt Ordinance No. 2018-13. SECOND by Commissioner Phillips. The motion carried unanimously.

Consent Agenda:

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

- (1) BCC Administration - Fort White High School - South Columbia Sports Park as Evacuation Site
- (2) BCC Administration - Health Department - Quarterly Report
- (3) BCC Administration - Minutes - Board of County Commissioners - Special Meeting/Workshop - June 26, 2017
- (4) BCC Administration - Minutes - Board of County Commissioners - Regular Meeting - June 7, 2018
- (5) BCC Administration - Minutes - Board of County Commissioners - Special Meeting/Workshop - June 21, 2018
- (6) BCC Administration - Minutes - Board of County Commissioners - Regular Meeting - June 21, 2018
- (7) BCC Administration - Human Resources - Limited English Proficiency (LEP) Plan
- (8) BCC Administration - Resolution No. 2018R-21 - Extension of 2018 Assessment Roll
- (9) BCC Administration - Sheriff's Request to Allocate Revenue in the Special Law Enforcement Trust Fund - \$14,000
- (10) BCC Administration - SHIP - Release of Lien - Ryan Robinson and Jennifer Boggs
- (11) BCC Administration - 2018 North Central Rural Area of Opportunity - Memorandum of Agreement
- (12) Building And Zoning - Special Family Lot Permit (SFLP 1819) - Nicole Viola, Daughter - Eugene Viola, Property Owner, 1761 SW Junction Road
- (13) Building And Zoning - Special Family Lot Permit (SFLP 1821) - Darcelle Jefferson, Granddaughter - Fess Rentz, Jr., Property Owner, 5332 SW County Road 242
- (14) Clerk to Board Finance - Payment of Bills and Vouchers - \$1,147,958
- (15) County Attorney - License Agreement - White Springs Agricultural Chemical, Inc. - Landfill Sand

- (16) Emergency Management - BA 18-58 - Acceptance of Emergency Management Performance Grant (EMPG) - \$52,461
- (17) Fire Department - Request to Apply for HEROS Grant - No Matching Funds
- (18) Fire Department - Kronos Support and Maintenance Contract Renewal - \$5,461
- (19) Fire Department - BA 18-56 - Appropriating Grant Funds (G403) - \$9,943
- (20) Landfill - FY 18-19 Small County Consolidated Solid Waste Grant Application - \$90,909
- (21) Landfill - Renewal of Contract and Approve Increase from Quest Liner, Inc. - 5 cent per gallon increase
- (22) Library - BA 18-57 - Donation by Friends of the Library - \$364
- (23) Library - System-wide Library Staff Training - All Libraries Closed October 8, 2018
- (24) Public Works - Return Asset #10718 - 2000 Pickup Truck back to Inventory
- (25) Public Works - Utility Permit - AT&T - SW Bishop Road
- (26) Public Works - Utility Permit - City of Lake City - Business Point Drive to Beacon Way
- (27) Public Works - Utility Permit - City of Lake City - Business Point Drive to Packard Street
- (28) Public Works - Utility Permit - Comcast - SW Arvid Glen
- (29) Public Works - Utility Permit - Comcast - NE Bascom Norris
- (30) Public Works - Utility Permit - Comcast - CR 240
- (31) Public Works - Utility Permit - Comcast - SW Deputy J. Davis Lane
- (32) Public Works - Utility Permit - Comcast - Pinemount Road (415)
- (33) Public Works - Utility Permit - Comcast - Pinemount Road (651)
- (34) Public Works - Utility Permit - Comcast - SW Troy Road
- (35) Building And Zoning - Special Family Lot Permit (SFLP 1822) – Michael Thomas, Son– Terry Thomas, Property Owner, 497 SW Gunther Ct

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

Discussion and Action Items:

Speed Hump Ordinance Review

Commissioner Murphy suggested changes to the percentage of the vote count required in the Speed Hump Ordinance.

Discussion ensued.

MOTION by Commissioner Murphy to change from seventy-five percent to fifty percent plus one votes required for citizen approval. SECOND by Commissioner DePratter. The motion carried unanimously.

County Attorney Foreman will make the approved changes to the ordinance for Board review.

Florida Jobs Growth Fund Grant ("FJG")

Staff is requesting approval to apply for the FJG grant for the construction of a wastewater treatment facility and segment one of the road into the North Florida Mega Industrial Park.

Citizen Stewart Lilker offered comment.

MOTION by Commissioner Williams to authorize staff to apply for the grant.
SECOND by Commissioner DePratter.

Discussion ensued.

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

Storm Debris Pickup Policy

Staff would like to implement a storm debris policy. ACM Kirby made suggestions for the policy and requested Board input.

Discussion ensued.

Citizen Sandra Smith offered comment.

Resolution No. 2018R-28 – Project 18-10

A resolution recommending Project 18-10 be approved as a Qualified Target Industry Business affirming the site of this project is within a defined rural area.

Discussion ensued.

MOTION by Commissioner Williams to approve Resolution No. 2018R-28.
SECOND by Commissioner Nash. The motion carried unanimously

Class Action Law Suit – Kane County vs United States

A class action lawsuit was filed against the United States by Kane County, Utah, alleging underpayment of Payment In Lieu of Taxes (“PILT”) by the Federal Government to local governments across the country. It appears the Court in that case has determined that such underpayments have occurred, and the Court is inviting local governments that have received PILT for 2015, 2016, or 2017 to participate in making claims within that suit. The Court has also determined that only governments that respond and make claims will recover through this suit.

Staff has confirmed that the County did receive PILT funds during one or more of the years covered by the law suit.

County Attorney Foreman requested approval to assert a claim.

Discussion ensued.

MOTION by Commissioner Murphy to participate in class action law suit.
SECOND by Commissioner Williams. The motion carried unanimously

Highway Safety Study

The Florida Department of Transportation (“FDOT”) and the Transportation Safety Center (“TSC”) at the University of Florida (“UF”) are partnering with counties to provide highway safety studies to identify safety improvements and possible funding opportunities.

Staff met with representatives to discuss the potential participation.

Discussion ensued.

MOTION by Commissioner Williams to approve letter of commitment for highway safety study. SECOND by Commissioner Phillips. The motion carried unanimously

Resolution No. 2018R-22 – Fire Protection Services

This is the preliminary rate resolution for an annual Fire Protection Assessment program in Columbia County for the fiscal year beginning October 1, 2018, and which initiates the annual process for updating the Assessment Roll. There are no rate changes.

MOTION by Commissioner Williams to approve Preliminary Rate Resolution No. 2018R-22 for Fire Protection Services. SECOND by Commissioner Phillips. The motion carried unanimously.

Resolution No. 2018R-23– Solid Waste Collection

This is the preliminary rate resolution for the collection and disposal of solid waste in Columbia County for the fiscal year beginning October 1, 2018, and authorizes the reimposition of annual Service Assessments for Solid Waste Collection and Disposal Services. There are no rate changes.

MOTION by Commissioner Murphy to approve Preliminary Rate Resolution No. 2018R-23 for Solid Waste and Disposal Services. SECOND by Commissioner Phillips. The motion carried unanimously.

Resolution No. 2018R-24 – Emerald Lake Street Lighting

This resolution is relating to the provision of street lighting services, facilities and programs for Emerald Lakes Street Lighting Municipal Service Benefit Unit and to estimate the cost of street lighting services to be accessed for the fiscal year beginning October 1, 2018. There are no rate changes.

MOTION by Commissioner Nash to approve Preliminary Rate Resolution No. 2018R-24 for Emerald Lake Street Lighting. SECOND by Commissioner DePratter. The motion carried unanimously.

Resolution No. 2018R-25 – Spring Hollow Street Lighting

This resolution is relating to the provision of street lighting services, facilities and programs for Spring Hollow Street Lighting Municipal Service Benefit Unit and to estimate the cost of street lighting services to be accessed for the fiscal year beginning October 1, 2018. There are no rate changes.

MOTION by Commissioner Williams to approve Preliminary Rate Resolution No. 2018R-26 for Spring Hollow Lighting. SECOND by Commissioner Nash. The motion carried unanimously.

Resolution No. 2018R-26 – Carolyn Heights Street Lighting

This resolution is relating to the provision of street lighting services, facilities and programs for Carolyn Heights Street Lighting Municipal Service Benefit Unit (“MSBU”) and to estimate the cost of street lighting services to be accessed for the fiscal year beginning October 1, 2018. There are no rate changes.

MOTION by Commissioner Williams to approve Preliminary Rate Resolution No. 2018R-26 for Carolyn Heights Street Lighting MSBU Initial Assessment. SECOND by Commissioner DePratter. The motion carried unanimously.

Resolution No. 2018R-27 – Pine Ridge Court

This resolution is to establish the estimated assessed cost for the properties that benefit from the Pine Ridge Road Improvement Project thereby directing the preparation of the updated assessment rolls to collect this cost for the fiscal year beginning October 1, 2018. There are no rate changes.

MOTION by Commissioner DePratter to approve Preliminary Rate Resolution No. 2018R-27 for Pine Ridge Court MSBU Local Improvement and Maintenance Assessment. SECOND by Commissioner Phillips. The motion carried unanimously.

Preliminary Rate Millage Rate

The current millage rate is 8.015 mills; staff recommended setting the rate at 8.87 mills.

Discussion ensued.

CM Scott would like to schedule the first hearing on September 6, 2018, and the final hearing to adopt the budget at the September 20, 2018, regular scheduled meeting.

Discussion ensued.

MOTION by Commissioner Williams to set preliminary millage rate at 8.87 mills. SECOND by Commissioner Nash

Discussion ensued.

Citizens Toby Witt and Marc Vann spoke against raising taxes.

The Chairman called for the vote. The vote carried 3 to 2 with Commissioners DePratter and Phillips voting in opposition.

BA 18-54 Reallocate Capital Projects Funding

A budget amendment reallocating funds within the capital projects fund.

Engineer Office	\$50,000 per bid
Fort White Portico	\$ 9,000 per bid

Radio Improvements:

Cumorah Hill Tower	\$271,080
Omicom Construction Manager	\$146,601
Digital Recorder	\$ 38,865

Discussion ensued.

MOTION by Commissioner Murphy to accept the budget amendment reallocating these funds with the caveat that no money will be spent from the monies set forth for the engineering office without further review. SECOND by Commissioner DePratter. The motion carried unanimously.

BA 18-55 West Branch Library Roof Repair

Staff recommends awarding Bid No. 2018-I to the sole bidder, O'Neal Roofing Company, in the amount of \$154,256 and approval of BA 18-55 in the amount of \$34,000.

MOTION by Commissioner DePratter to approve BA 18-55 in the amount of \$34,000. SECOND by Commissioner Nash. The motion carried unanimously.

MOTION by Commissioner DePratter to award bid to O'Neal Roofing in the amount of \$154,256. SECOND by Commissioner Williams. The motion carried unanimously.

Employee Health Insurance Renewal

Staff presented three possible funding scenarios for employee health insurance.

Annual cost to the County is as follows:

Scenario 1: \$8,825 per employee - County Annual Cost	\$ 167,292
Scenario 2: \$8,579 per employee - County Annual Cost	\$ 90,577
Scenario 3: \$8,333 per employee - County Annual Cost	\$ 13,863

Under each scenario, the County would continue to fund the indemnity plan at the increased cost of \$6,909.

Discussion ensued.

MOTION by Commissioner Nash to approve scenario 2. SECOND by Commissioner Williams. 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:

Sandra Buck-Camp on the storm debris policy and the class action suit.

Commissioner Comments:

Commissioner Williams asked about communication towers. CM Scott responded and stated that Clay Electric is interested in co-using the Cumorah Hill Tower.

Commissioner DePratter on sales tax from internet sales and would like it to take a super majority to raise Ad Valorem taxes.

Commissioner Nash on the equipment policy and possible new sales tax to be revisited in six years.

Commissioner Williams wants the Ad Valorem tax to be lowered if the new sales tax passes.

Commissioner Murphy on Bascom Norris future growth.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

ATTEST:

Timothy Murphy, Chairman
Board of County Commissioners

P. DeWitt Cason
Clerk of Circuit Court