

Columbia County  
Board of County Commissioners

Minutes of  
**September 20, 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 David Kraus ("ACM")  
Assistant County Manager Kevin Kirby ("ACM")  
County Attorney Joel Foreman  
BOCC Finance Director Danielle Beard  
Deputy Clerk Katrina Vercher

**Agenda Additions/Deletions**

Additions:  
Report on water meeting in Madison County.

Deletions:  
None

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

**Ministerial Matters**

County Engineer Chad Williams gave a presentation on the current waste and water facilities in Ellisville.

Discussion ensued.

**Final Budget Public Hearing**

CM Scott presented the Fiscal Year 2018-2019 Budget. A copy of the Final Budget is attached to the original minutes.

The public hearing opened.

Resolution No. 2018R-40

CM Scott read Resolution No. 2018R-40. A resolution adopting the final levying of Ad Valorem Taxes for Columbia County for the Fiscal Year 2018-2019 and setting the final millage rate for the Columbia County Board of County Commissioners at 8.015 mills for the 2018-2019 fiscal year, which is more than the rolled back rate of 7.7511 by 3.4%.

There was no public comment.

The public hearing closed.

Discussion ensued.

MOTION by Commissioner Nash to adopt Resolution No. 2018R-40, adopting the final millage at 8.015 mills for the 2018-2019 fiscal year, which is 3.4% higher than the rolled-back rate of 7.7511. SECOND by Commissioner DePratter. The motion carried unanimously.

The public hearing opened.

Resolution No. 2018R-41

CM Scott read Resolution No. 2018R-41. A resolution adopting the Final Budget for Fiscal Year 2018-2019. The total appropriation and revenue estimates for the budget is \$143,863,932.

Public comment:

Stewart Lilker  
Ralph Kitchens

The public hearing closed.

MOTION by Commissioner DePratter to adopt Resolution No. 2018R-41, adopting the final budget, appropriations and reserves for the 2018-2019 fiscal year in the amount of \$143,863,932. SECOND by Commissioner Williams. The motion carried unanimously.

**Consent Agenda:**

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

- (1) BCC Administration - BA 18-71 - Install Fort White Substation Push Plate Door Opener - \$2,304 (Pg. 1)

- (2) BCC Administration - BA 18-73 - CDBG Grant - Plantation Park - Survey Work for CDBG Neighborhood Revitalization Project - \$7,000 (Pg. 3)
- (3) BCC Administration - FY 2018-2019 Contract Between Columbia County and Department of Health - \$153,784 (Pg. 5)
- (4) BCC Administration - Palms Medical Group - Renewal Contract for Services - \$48,500 (Pg. 25)
- (5) BCC Administration - Release of Lien - Suwannee River Economic Council (S.H.I.P.) - Barbara B. Hatcher - \$12,000 (Pg. 29)
- (6) BCC Administration - Minutes - Board of County Commissioners - Regular Meeting - September 6, 2018 (Pg. 32)
- (7) BCC Administration - Summers Elementary - Evacuation Site (Pg. 43)
- (8) Clerk to Board Finance - Payment of Bills and Vouchers - \$1,796,031 (Pg. 45)
- (9) Economic Development - Resolution No. 2018-42 - Amend and Restate Resolution No. 2018R-28 (Pg. 49)
- (10) Library - Annual Food for Fines Library Project - November 13-19, 2018 (Pg. 53)
- (11) Library - Closing for Veterans Day, November 11, 2018 in Addition to November 12 2018 (Pg. 55)
- (12) Library - LSTA Innovation Grant Application - \$3,882 (Pg. 57)
- (13) Landscape and Parks - BA 18-70 - Contribution from Lake City Columbia County Youth Baseball Association - \$4,000 (Pg. 67)
- (14) Public Works - Entering Private Property - 8355 South US Highway 441 - Arky Rogers, Property Owner - Dangerous Tree Removal on County Right-of-Way (Pg.68)
- (15) Public Works - Utility Permit - AT&T - NW Guerdon Street (Pg. 72)
- (16) Public Works - Utility Permit - City of Lake City - NE Bascom Norris Drive (Pg. 79)
- (17) Public Works - Utility Permit - Clay Electric - Herlong Road (Pg. 84)
- (18) Public Works - Utility Permit - Comcast - SW Woodgate Terrace (Pg. 91)

- (19) Public Works - Utility Permit - Florida Power & Light - SW Hartridge Drive (Pg. 104)
- (20) Recreation - BA 18-72 - Network Switch Replacement - \$3,300 (Pg. 113)
- (21) Solid Waste - FDACS/Columbia County - FY 2018-2019 Mosquito Control Contract - \$33,403 (Pg. 115)

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

**Discussion and Action Items:**

Resolution No. 2018R-39 – Columbia South Recreational Complex

A resolution declaring the County's intent to amend the five year schedule of improvements of the capital improvements element of the comprehensive plan to add improvements to a county recreation facility project.

Discussion ensued.

MOTION by Commissioner DePratter to approve Resolution No. 2018R-39.  
SECOND by Commissioner Williams. The motion carried unanimously.

Bid No. 2018-J – Alligator Lake Pier Restoration

Staff recommended awarding the bid for the renovation to Alligator Lake Pier to the low bidder, Hayward Construction Group, LLC in the amount of \$67,375.

MOTION by Commissioner Williams to award Bid No. 2018-J to the low bidder, Hayward Construction Group, LLC in the amount of \$67,375. SECOND by Commissioner Nash. The motion carried unanimously.

BA 18-68 – Community Center Utility Account

The community center utility account is in need of \$30,000 to complete the remainder of the year. There have been several projects that have caused the utility bills to increase.

MOTION by Commissioner Nash to approve BA 18-68 in the amount of \$30,000 for community center and recreation center utility charges. SECOND by Commissioner Williams. The motion carried unanimously.

BA 18-69 – School Resource Officer

This budget amendment is the funds for the additional resource officer for the remainder of the fiscal year.

MOTION by Commissioner Williams to approve BA 18-69 in the amount of \$84,650 for an additional school resource officer. SECOND by Commissioner Phillips. The motion carried unanimously.

#### Water Meeting

Commissioner Williams reported on the meeting held Wednesday, September 19, 2018 in Madison Florida concerning waste water in our rivers from Lowndes County Georgia and the City of Valdosta Georgia. He, County Attorney Foreman and CM Scott were in attendance. Mr. Forman and CM Scott commented.

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

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

Sandra Smith on downtown, Halpatter Brewing and Wilson Park.

Stewart Lilker on meetings that Commissioners attend.

Chris Rose, Director of the Libertarian Party, on meeting time and Rum Island Park. Commissioners Williams and DePratter responded.

#### **Staff Comments:**

CM Scott thanked County staff and the Clerk's Office staff for all their hard work with the budget process.

County Attorney Foreman commented on motions during meetings.

#### **Commissioner Comments:**

Commissioner Murphy on jail construction and Wilson Park.

#### **Adjournment**

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:45 p.m.

ATTEST:

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Timothy Murphy, Chairman  
Board of County Commissioners

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P. DeWitt Cason  
Clerk of Circuit Court