

Columbia County
Board of County Commissioners

Minutes of
November 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 David Kraus ("ACM")
Assistant County Manager Kevin Kirby ("ACM")
County Attorney Joel Foreman
Deputy Clerk Katrina Vercher

Agenda Additions/Deletions

Additions:

Move consent item number 14 to discussion.

Deletions:

None

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

Consent Agenda:

MOTION by Commissioner Williams to approve the consent agenda with #14 pulled for discussion. SECOND by Commissioner Nash. The motion carried unanimously.

- (1) BCC Administration - Minutes - Board of County Commissioners – Regular Meeting - October 4, 2018
- (2) BCC Administration - Amendment 1 to Agreement among Columbia County, Career Source Florida Crown, and On Eagles Wings
- (3) Public Works - Utility Permit

- (4) BCC Administration - Use of Funds from the Special Law Enforcement Fund - \$2,500
- (5) BCC Administration - BA 18-76 - Allocating Excess Revenue in the Utility Fund for Additional Invoices Received - \$4,000
- (6) BCC Administration - BA 19-08 - Allocating Revenue and Expenses for Carolyn Heights Subdivision - \$2,516
- (7) Building And Zoning - Reappointment of Teena Ruffo, Earl Peeler, and Roger Busscher to Adjustment/Planning & Zoning Board for three-year terms
- (8) Clerk to Board Finance - Approval of Bills and Vouchers - \$2,801,818
- (9) Grant Management - Authorization to Apply for Florida Division of Emergency Management Flood Mitigation Assistance and Pre-Disaster Mitigation for Stormwater and Flood Mitigation Projects
- (10) Library - Closing for Christmas and New Year Holidays
- (11) Library - FY 2018/2019 State Aid to Libraries Grant Agreement and Certification
- (12) Library - BA 19-04 - Friends of the Library Donation - \$1,500
- (13) Public Works - Utility Permit - AT&T - Guerdon Street
- ~~(14) Sheriff's Office - Annual Local Government Financial Report FY 2017/2018~~

MOTION by Commissioner Williams to adopt the consent agenda with #14 pulled for discussion and clarification. SECOND by Commissioner Phillips. The motion carried unanimously.

Discussion and Action Items:

Surplus Property in Ellisville

The Department of Economic Development requested that the south east corner of the property commonly known as the old wastewater plant in Ellisville be declared surplus and recommend the property be granted to Truck Stop 75, LLC as an Economic Development incentive.

Discussion ensued.

Citizen Stewart Lilker offered comment.

MOTION by Commissioner Phillips to declare a portion of the old Ellisville wastewater facility, parcel 09575-002, as surplus property and approve the use of this

property as an economic incentive. SECOND by Commissioner Williams. The motion carried unanimously.

Bid No. 2018-04 – NW Moore Road Roadway Improvements

Staff is requesting approval of the low bidder CA Boone Construction, Inc. in the amount of \$1,309,303.00 for the NW Moore Road Roadway Improvement Project.

Discussion ensued.

MOTION by Commissioner Williams to approve contract and bid from CA Boone in the amount of \$1,309,303 for the construction of Moore Road. SECOND by Commissioner Nash. The motion carried unanimously.

Emergency Shelters

Staff recommends approval of an Interlocal agreement between the Columbia County School District and the Board of County Commissioners for mutual aid for sheltering operations.

Discussion ensued.

MOTION by Commissioner Williams to approve Interlocal Agreement between the Columbia County School District and Columbia County for Emergency Shelters. SECOND by Commissioner Phillips. The motion carried unanimously.

Escheated Property – Monroe Street

The County acquired parcel number 13003-000 – 854 SE Monroe Street, by escheatment for nonpayment of taxes. Staff recommends authorizing the County Attorney to initiate the eviction/ejectment process to take possession of the property and asks this Board to declare the property surplus for auction.

Discussion ensued.

MOTION by Commissioner Williams to authorize the County Attorney to initiate and prosecute eviction/ejectment at 854 SE Monroe Street, Lake City and to surplus 854 SE Monroe Street, Lake City for auction as soon as possible. SECOND by Commissioner Phillips. The motion carried unanimously.

BA 18-77 – Loan Proceeds

BA 18-77 is to appropriate loan proceeds from the lease with Beard Equipment for four (4) motor graders in the amount of \$913,240.

Discussion ensued.

MOTION by Commissioner Nash to approve BA 18-77 appropriating loan proceeds from lease with Beard Equipment for four (4) motor graders in the amount of \$913,240. SECOND by Commissioner DePratter. The motion carried unanimously.

BA 19-05 – Tax Collector

The Tax Collector has requested \$70,618 from the unspent revenue for the fiscal year 2017-2018 for the purchase and installation of a new server.

MOTION by Commissioner Williams to approve BA 19-05 allowing the appropriation of the Tax Collector's Fiscal Year 2017-2018 Year End Reversion for \$70,618. SECOND by Commissioner DePratter. The motion carried unanimously.

BA 19-06 – Property Appraiser

The Property Appraiser is requesting the Board set up a reserve account for the excess budget fees from the 2017-2018 fiscal year being returned. This account would be for the future purchase of tax roll software.

MOTION by Commissioner Williams to approve BA 19-06 approving the Annual Local Government Financial Report for fiscal year ending 09/30/2018 for \$87,739. SECOND by Commissioner Nash. The motion carried unanimously.

BA 19-07 – Property Appraiser

This is to cover the Cost of Living Adjustment ("COLA") given to the staff at the Property Appraiser's Office and the raise given to the Constitutional Officer by the Department of Revenue ("DOR").

MOTION by Commissioner Williams to approve BA 19-07 for \$21,002 to update the Constitutional Officer's salary per the DOR and the COLA adjustments for staff. SECOND by Commissioner Phillips. The motion carried unanimously.

Sheriff's Office – Financial Report

CM Scott went over the Sheriff's Annual Constitutional Officer's Financial Report or the Fiscal Year 2017- 2018.

MOTION by Commissioner Williams to approve the Sheriff's Office Annual Local Government Financial Report in the amount of \$380,391.21. SECOND by Commissioner Nash.

Citizen Stewart Lilker offered comment. Commissioner Williams responded.

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

Rum Island Park Workshop

CM Scott gave a brief background on the park and suggested several options for the Board explore to address issues in the park.

The following members of the public offered comment on Rum Island Park:

Jim Tatum	Steve Scott	Doug Jipson
Sandra Smith	Walter Bickmyer	Barbara Lemley
Crista Pribble	Miriam Williams	Kristen Rubin
Merrillee Malwitz-Jipson		

Discussion ensued.

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 Rum Island Park.
Ralph Kitchens on Suwannee Valley Transit.
Merrillee Malwitz-Jipson on the Scrubtown Road cleanup.
Barbara Lemley on garbage pickup.
Steve Scott on the Scrubtown Road cleanup.

Presentation of Gavels

Chairman Murphy presented Commissioner Phillips with a gavel and thanked him for his four (4) years of service to Columbia County.

Chairman Murphy presented Commissioner DePratter with a gavel and thanked him for his eight (8) years of service to Columbia County.

Staff Comments:

Each member of staff expressed their gratitude for Commissioners DePratter and Phillips hard work during their time in office.

Commissioner Comments:

Commissioner Williams, Nash and Murphy each spoke briefly of their time in office with outgoing Commissioners' DePratter and Phillips.

Commissioners DePratter and Phillips expressed their gratitude for the support of staff and their fellow Commissioners and thanked their constituents for their support.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:20 p.m.

ATTEST:

Timothy Murphy, Chairman
Board of County Commissioners

P. DeWitt Cason
Clerk of Circuit Court