

Columbia County
Board of County Commissioners

Minutes of
March 07, 2019

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 Ronald Williams, Rocky Ford,
Timothy Murphy, Bucky Nash and Toby Witt.

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

There were no additions or deletions.

MOTION by Commissioner Murphy to approve the agenda as presented.
SECOND by Commissioner Witt. The motion carried unanimously.

Ministerial Matters

Proclamation No. 2019P-5

A proclamation recognizing Public Safety Telecommunicator Training Quality Assurance Coordinator Jason Rosenfield and Public Safety Telecommunicator Trainee Travis Czaban for their display of the highest level of professionalism during a stressful situation.

MOTION by Commissioner Nash to approve Proclamation No. 2019P-5.
SECOND by Commissioner Murphy. The motion carried unanimously.

Consent Agenda:

MOTION by Commissioner Murphy to approve the consent agenda. SECOND
by Commissioner Witt. The motion carried unanimously.

- (1) 9-1-1 Communications Center - Apply for State E-911 Spring Rural Grant - Support & Maintenance - 911 Call Taking Equipment and Logging Recorders

- (2) BCC Administration - Assessment Programs Legal Services - \$16,500
- (3) BCC Administration - County Manager Annual Leave
- (4) BCC Administration - BA 19-36 - Award of the Preferred Training Incentive Program (TIP)- \$5,000
- (5) Building and Zoning - Special Family Lot Permit 19-07 - Ronald Throckmorton, Father - Lida Camille Throckmorton Property Owner - 220 SW Chinchilla Glen, High Springs, FL
- (6) Building and Zoning - Special Family Lot Permit 19-08 - Marrison Harrison, Daughter - Randall Harrison, Property Owner - 216 NE Pikes Way
- (7) Clerk to Board Finance - Approval of Bills and Vouchers - \$782,649
- (8) Emergency Management - Hurricane Irma Modification Z0618-2 – Reimbursement of Eligible Expenditures - \$2,184
- (9) Emergency Management - Modification Z0618-1 Hurricane Irma – Reimbursement of Eligible Expenditures - \$5,374
- (10) Human Resources - Unpaid Leave Request - Jordan Hoffman
- (11) Library - BA 19-35 - Friends of the Library Donation - \$1,300
- (12) Public Works - Utility Permit - FP&L Co. - Price Creek Road
- (13) Public Works - Utility Permit - True Net - SW King Street
- (14) Solid Waste - FDACS - Amendment to Mosquito Control Contract #025508

MOTION by Commissioner Witt to adopt the consent agenda.
SECOND by Commissioner Ford. The motion carried unanimously.

Discussion and Action Items:

Interlocal Agreement for Sheriff's Annual Budget

At a special meeting on February 21, 2019, the Board directed staff to draft a letter to terminate the Interlocal Agreement for the Sheriff's Annual Budget.

A termination letter was presented to the Board for approval.

MOTION by Commissioner Nash to approve the termination letter for the Interlocal agreement for the Sheriff's annual budget. SECOND by Commissioner Murphy.

Sheriff Hunter addressed the Board and asked for assurances that the Board would always return his end of year monies and that they would not take his reserves.

Discussion ensued.

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

BA 19-37 Fort White Recreation Complex

Parking at the Fort White Recreation Complex has become an issue of safety due to the size of tournaments being held there. Just north of the facility is approximately 9.06 acres and would address the parking issue and allow for future growth.

MOTION by Commissioner Ford to approve BA 19-37 for \$160,000 to purchase land for future parking lot and other recreational uses. SECOND by Commissioner Murphy. The motion carried unanimously.

BA 19-38 State E-911 Grant

Staff is requesting approval to accept 2 State E-911 grants.

MOTION by Commissioner Witt to accept the grants and authorize the purchase of Datamaster Software.. SECOND by Commissioner Murphy. The motion carried unanimously.

Bell Road Utilities

Staff requested approval for the engineering and design of the utilities needed along Bell Road and alternatives should funding be limited. The utility design would cost \$107,700.

Citizen Stewart Lilker asked a question.

MOTION by Commissioner Nash to approve the engineering and design of the utilities along Bell Road and prepare alternatives. SECOND by Commissioner Murphy. 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 – Citizens should have input on the County Budget.

Trisha Cristison – the Sheriff’s K-9 Unit at the tractor show and thanked them for their support.

Robert Lane – the new jail.

Commissioner Comments:

Commissioner Williams asked Merrilee Malwitz-Jipson about her addressing Suwannee Valley Water Management concerning the restrooms at Rum Island. She responded.

Staff Comments:

County Attorney Foreman informed the Board that Waste Pro is pressing their franchise on permanent containers.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:40 p.m.

ATTEST:

Ronald Williams, Chairman
Board of County Commissioners

P. DeWitt Cason
Clerk of Circuit Court