

Columbia County
Board of County Commissioners

Minutes of
March 21, 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 Nash. The motion carried unanimously.

Consent Agenda:

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

- (1) BCC Administration - Minutes - Board of County Commissioners - Special Meeting/Workshop - February 21, 2019
- (2) BCC Administration - Minutes - Board of County Commissioners - Regular Meeting - February 21, 2019
- (3) BCC Administration - Minutes - Board of County Commissioners - Regular Meeting - March 7, 2019
- (4) BCC Administration - Another Way, Inc. - Certification of Local Government Approval - Emergency Shelter Only
- (5) BCC Administration - Letter of Support Request - Palms Medical Group
- (6) BCC Administration - Termite Policy for Courthouse - \$535

- (7) Building and Zoning - Special Family Lot Permit 19-09 - from Robert & Janice Cox to Catherine Todd, daughter - 303 SE Rodney Dicks Drive, Lake City, FL
- (8) Clerk to Board Finance - Approval of Bills and Vouchers Submitted March 6, 2019 - \$1,302,852
- (9) Emergency Management - BA 19-39 - HMGP Tropical Storm Debby Projects and Hurricane Irma Application - \$8,399
- (10) Emergency Management - Modification No. Z0618 Subgrant Agreement - Hurricane Irma Reimbursement
- (11) Fire Department - Purchase Asset Tracking and Inventory Management Software - \$3,120
- (12) Library - BA 19-40 - Friends of the Library Donation - \$2,554
- (13) Public Works - FDOT Lighting Contract - \$131,636
- (14) Public Works - Utility Permit - FPL - NW Jimmy Way, Sunnybrook Road, NE Audie Terrance, NW Quinten Street, and NW Josephine Street
- (15) Public Works - Utility Permit - Comcast - Yates Loop
- (16) Public Works - Utility Permit - Windstream - NW Stephen Foster Drive
- (17) Purchasing - Asset Disposal
- (18) Tourist Development - Sports Marketing/Advertising Agreement - Sports Events Magazine - \$4,996

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

Representative Chuck Brannon

Dan Hartley with Mr. Brannon's office gave the Board an update on things happening on the Legislator.

Public Hearings

Building and Zoning – Rum Island Park

V 0316 – Resolution No. 2019R-6 – A resolution granting a variance from the lowest floor elevation of resistant design and construction, to allow the lowest floor elevation of proposed restroom facility to be 8.4 feet below the designed flood elevation for tax parcel 04350-000, Rum Island Park.

Discussion ensued.

The public hearing opened.

The following citizens offered comment:

John Sterepe	Stephen Scott	Stewart Lilker
Bruce Borders	Rhonda Long	Doug Jipson
Merrillee Malwitz-Jipson		

The public hearing closed.

MOTION by Commissioner Ford to approve Resolution No. 2019R-6. SECOND by Commissioner Murphy The motion carried unanimously.

Discussion and Action Items:

Animal Control

Commissioner Nash would like to see some changes made in the way the report of aggressive dog calls are logged and such. Dale Griffin with Animal Services addressed the Board.

Discussion ensued.

Citizens Lee Stewart and Bonnie Taylor offered comment.

The Chairman formed an advisory committee; he appointed County Attorney Foreman, ACM Kraus, Commissioner Nash and three Columbia County citizens to be chosen from a list of volunteers.

Telephone Bill Audit Contract

Staff requested approval of contract with Eric Ryan Corporation to audit the County telephone bills and services for billing errors, inactive phone lines and preferable rates.

MOTION by Commissioner Murphy to approve the contract with the Eric Ryan Corporation. SECOND by Commissioner Ford. The motion carried unanimously.

Rail Spur Design

Staff requested approval to begin negotiations with the number one ranked firm for the rail spur design.

MOTION by Commissioner Nash to approve committee ranking. SECOND by Commissioner Murphy. The motion carried unanimously.

Jordan Street Reconstruction

Staff requested approval of submission to FDOT SCOP Program on behalf of the Town of Fort White to obtain funding for the road reconstruction of SW Jordan Street.

MOTION by Commissioner Ford to approve the FDOT SCOP application. SECOND by Commissioner Witt. The motion carried unanimously.

Rum Island Park

Staff requested permission to apply for an additional grant to cover proposed improvements for Rum Island Park in the amount of \$475,330.94.

Discussion ensued.

MOTION by Commissioner Ford to approve the submission for the grant for Rum Island Park. SECOND by Commissioner Witt.

Discussion ensued.

Citizen Sandra Smith offered comment.

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

Code Enforcement – Town of Fort White

Staff gave an update on the committee assigned to review code enforcement options.

Charter Review Commission (“CRC”)

Staff requested direction from the Board concerning counsel or consultation services for the CRC under a separate “extraordinary services” agreement.

Discussion ensued.

MOTION by Commissioner Witt to approve entering in an agreement for the County Attorney to provide services to the 2019-2020 CRC as "extraordinary services not normally within the scope of the County Attorney" pursuant to section 3(f) of the County Attorney's contract. SECOND by Commissioner Murphy.

Citizen Stewart Lilker offered comment.

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

Comprehensive Plan Amendment

There is a discrepancy between the Land Development Regulations ("LDR") and the County's Comprehensive Plan with respect to floor area ratios on lots within certain zoning districts. Staff recommends an amendment to the Comprehensive Plan.

MOTION by Commissioner Nash to approve to direct staff to apply for a Comprehensive Plan amendment that would conform the Comp Plan to the County's LDR. SECOND by Commissioner Ford. The motion carried unanimously.

Resolution No. 2019R-7

A resolution directing staff to facilitate the leasing or donation of certain county land to the City of Lake City for a fire station.

Discussion ensued.

MOTION by Commissioner Nash to approve Resolution No. 2019R-7. SECOND by Commissioner Witt. The motion carried unanimously.

Municipal Benefit Service Units

Staff requested permission to set a hearing on an ordinance reducing the mandatory resident support for the establishment of certain municipal benefit service units.

MOTION by Commissioner Nash to set an adoption hearing for April 18, 2019 for an ordinance amending Chapter 94 of the County Code of Ordinances. SECOND by Commissioner Murphy. The motion carried unanimously.

Old Bellamy Road

A portion of Old Bellamy Road splits several parcels of property; the owners wish to relocate the road.

Discussion ensued.

Board requested cost information be provided at a future meeting.

Church Building and Parking Lot

First Baptist Church has offered to sell the building between the Courthouse Annex and Highway 90 to the County for \$300,000 and to lease the vacant lot they own to the County for 10 years at a cost of \$1 per year.

Discussion ensued.

MOTION by Commissioner Nash that this Board has no interest in purchasing the building. SECOND by Commissioner Ford. 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:

Bruce Borders on the basketball team trophies.

Alvin Key about the church and the parking lot.

Lee Stewart on the Rum Island Park restrooms.

Commissioner Comments:

Commissioner Williams requested that the waste container issue be put on the next meeting agenda.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

ATTEST:

Ronald Williams, Chairman
Board of County Commissioners

P. DeWitt Cason
Clerk of Circuit Court