

COLUMBIA COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

AGENDA ITEM REQUEST FORM

Department: BCC Administration

Meeting Date: 10/1/2026

1. Nature and purpose of agenda item:

The attached resolution will set a public hearing for consideration of the petition for November 5, 2026 at 9:30 am.

2. Recommended Motion/Action:

Approve Petition for Road Closure

3. Fiscal impact on current budget:

This item has no effect on the current budget.

MEMORANDUM

To: Board Agenda, October 1, 2026

From: Joel F. Foreman

**Re: Resolution to Set Public Hearing – Petition to Vacate a Portion of a County Road
Dennis Rivera – District 2**

Date: September 25, 2026

Dennis Rivera has filed the attached petition to vacate a portion of unopened right-of-way near Fort White. None of the roads for which closure is requested are physically open or subject to public use. A map is attached showing the areas subject to closure.

The attached resolution will set a public hearing for consideration of the petition for November 5, 2026 at 9:30 am. A morning meeting is approved for this hearing because the road is not in use and has never been in use.

RECOMMENDED MOTION: To approve the attached resolution to set a public hearing for November 5, 2026 on the petition to vacate a portion of a county road.

PETITION TO VACATE COUNTY ROAD

TO THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF COLUMBIA COUNTY, FLORIDA:

Pursuant to the provisions of *Fla. Stat. Section 336.10* the undersigned, Dennis Rivera, individually (Petitioner) petition the Board of County Commissioners of Columbia County, Florida (Commissioners) to vacate and annul the following county road, described as follows:

Legal Description:

A portion of the Public right-of-way of SW McKinney Street, lying between the eastern right-of-way boundary of SW Bryant Avenue and the western right-of-way boundary of SW Donnelly Avenue.

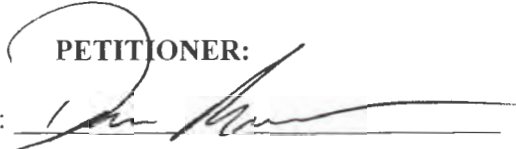
and in support thereof represents to the Commissioners as follows:

1. Petitioner requests the Commissioners to vacate the county road.
2. At Petitioner's expense, Petitioner will cause to be published in *The Lake City Reporter*, a newspaper of general circulation in Columbia County, Florida, a notice of intention to hear this petition once, at least two weeks prior to hearing.
3. Petitioner has paid or caused to be paid all state and county ad valorem taxes now due with respect to the lands owned by Petitioner as evidenced by certificate from the Tax Collector of Columbia County, Florida attached hereto as Exhibit "A".
4. Petitioner represents to the Commissioners that it is in the best interest of Petitioner, the general public and all government regulatory bodies that the above described portions of the road be vacated and annulled.

WHEREFORE, Petitioner respectfully requests that the Commissioners set a hearing and grant this Petition and adopt an appropriate resolution vacating the aforementioned county road, as herein above described.

DATED: this 17th day of August, 2026

PETITIONER:

Sign: 

Print: Dennis Rivera



RESOLUTION NO. 2026R-

A RESOLUTION GIVING NOTICE THAT THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF COLUMBIA COUNTY, FLORIDA, WILL HOLD A PUBLIC HEARING AND CONSIDER THE ADVISABILITY OF VACATING, ABANDONING, AND DISCONTINUING A PORTION OF AN UNOPENED COUNTY ROAD.

WHEREAS, the **BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF COLUMBIA COUNTY, FLORIDA**, deem it advisable and in the best interest of the County to vacate, abandon and discontinue the following portion of an unopened road located in Columbia County, Florida:

THAT PORTION OF THE UNOPENED PUBLIC RIGHT-OF-WAY OF SW
MCKINNEY STREET LYING BETWEEN THE EASTERN RIGHT-OF-WAY
BOUNDARY OF SW BRYANT AVENUE AND THE WESTERN RIGHT-OF-WAY
BOUNDARY OF SW DONNELLY AVENUE

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the **BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF COLUMBIA COUNTY, FLORIDA**, that said Board will at its regular meeting to be held on the 5th day of November, 2026 at 9:30 a.m., consider the advisability of exercising the power, pursuant to Section 336.09, Florida Statutes, of vacating, abandoning and discontinuing that portion of road herein above described.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the notice attached hereto shall be published once only in the Lake City Reporter, a newspaper of general circulation published in Lake City, Columbia County, Florida, not less than two (2) weeks prior to the scheduled date of the hearing above described.

PASSED AND ADOPTED in its regular session on the 1st day of October, 2026.

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF
COLUMBIA COUNTY, FLORIDA**

By: _____

Tim Murphy, Chairman

ATTEST:_____

James M. Swisher, Jr. Clerk of Court

NOTICE OF PROCEEDINGS FOR THE CLOSING OF A ROAD

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

YOU WILL NOTICE that the **BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF COLUMBIA COUNTY, FLORIDA**, will conduct a public hearing on November 5, 2026 at 9:30 a.m., or as soon thereafter as the matters can be heard, in the School Board Administrative Complex located at 372 West Duval Street, Lake City, Florida, to consider and determine whether or not the County will vacate, abandon, discontinue, renounce and disclaim any right of the County and the public in and to the following described road located in Columbia County, Florida, to-wit:

THAT PORTION OF THE UNOPENED PUBLIC RIGHT-OF-WAY OF SW
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BOUNDARY OF SW BRYANT AVENUE AND THE WESTERN RIGHT-OF-WAY
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The public hearing may be continued to one or more future dates. Any interested party shall be advised that the date, time and place of any continuation of the public hearing shall be announced during the public hearing and that no further notice concerning the matters will be published, unless said continuation exceeds six calendar weeks from the date of the above referenced public hearings.

All persons are advised that, if they decide to appeal any decision made at the public hearing, they will need a record of the proceedings and, for such purpose, they may need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceedings are made, which record includes the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be based.

In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, persons needing a special accommodation or an interpreter to participate in the proceeding should contact County Administration at least forty-eight (48) hours prior to the commencement of the hearing by telephone at (386)758-1005 or by Telecommunication Device for Deaf at (386)758-2139.