Columbia County
Board of County Commissioners

Minutes of
May 21, 2015

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 Rusty DePratter, Scarlet Frisina, Ronald Williams, Bucky Nash and Everett Phillips.
Others in Attendance:	Assistant County Manager Ben Scott ("ACM") Safety Manager David Kraus ("SM") Operations Manager Kevin Kirby ("OM") County Attorney Joel Foreman Deputy Clerk Katrina Vercher

Consent Agenda:

(1) Operations Department – Requesting Approval of FDOT Traffic Signal Maintenance and Compensation Agreement and Resolution No. 2015R-4 - $62,928.00

(2) Operations Department – Requesting the Return of the Coats Tire Machine s/n 9912105591 to the Public Works Inventory

(3) Operations Department – Declaration of Surplus Property – County ID # 09469, 1995 Chevrolet S-10 Pickup, #PU 095

(4) Operations Department – Requesting Approval to Enter Private Property – – 3000 NW Nash Road, Henry Nash, Property Owner – Fallen Tree Removal

(5) Operations Department – Requesting Approval to Enter Private Properties of – Charles Deas and Sue Hillann - Fallen Tree Removal on County Right-of-Way

(6) Operations Department – Requesting Approval to Enter Private Property – NE Natalie Terrace over Rosewood Circle – Drainage Construction

(7) Building and Zoning – Requesting a Refund – Special Temporary use Permit – Wendy Grennell - $200.00

(8) Building and Zoning – Requesting a Refund – Building Permit, Contractor Don Reed - $25.00

(9) Operations Department – Requesting Approval of Department of Corrections Inmate Labor Contract – Fiscal Year 2015-2016

(10) Operations Department – Utility Permit – Comcast/FCCG – Ridge Street

(11) Operations Department – Utility Permit – Grandview Street & Sisters Welcome Road

(12) Operations Department – Utility Permit – Windstream Florida, Inc. – SW Copperhead Lane, SW Central Terrace, SW Utah Street

(13) BCC Administration – External Budget Amendment – BA # 15-52 – Ship Program Income from Prior Lien Payoffs - $32,800

(14) Safety Manager – External Budget Amendment – BA # 15-53 - CCFR/HMGP - Requesting Approval of New Revenues – HMGP Program Income of $24,000 and Sale of Surplus Equipment $2,100 - $26,100.00

(15) Sheriff's Office – External Budget Amendment – BA # 15-54 – Request for Special Law Enforcement Trust Fund Expenditure - $15,000.00

(16) 9-1-1 Communications – External Budget Amendment – BA # 15-55 – Acceptance of a Grant Award and Appropriate Funds from the Florida E911 Board – Annual Maintenance for 911 Recorder and the B Side CAD System – $8,261.00

(17) Emergency Management – Acceptance of Donation of Land – 1260 Gum Swamp Road – Wells Fargo Bank - $0.00

(18) BCC Administration – Adoption of Resolution No. 2015R-6 – Qualified Target Industry Tax Refund in a Rural Area Requesting Waiver of Local Financial Support

(19) BCC Administration – Subordination Agreement – SHIP – Krystle Fowler

(20) BCC Administration – Requesting Approval of Quotes for Restroom Repairs Paid from Capital Improvements Fund Savings:
- (a) Girls Softball - $24,895.56
- (b) Boys Baseball - $20,850.69

(21) BCC Administration – Correct Previously Approved Junked Assets Property Numbers

(22) BCC Administration – Minute Approval – Board of County Commissioners – Special Meeting - March 31, 2015

(23) BCC Administration – Minute Approval – Board of County Commissioners – Special Meeting/Budget Workshop – April 30, 2015

(24) BCC Administration – Minute Approval – Board of County Commissioners – Regular Meeting – May 7, 2015

(25) BCC Administration – Approval of Resolution 2015R-7 – Changing the BOCC Meeting of June 18, 2015 & July 2, 2015 to June 22, 2015

MOTION by Commissioner Williams to approve the Consent Agenda. SECOND by Commissioner Frisina.

Citizen Stewart Lilker advised that he had discussed with ACM Scott a needed change to a set of minutes listed on the Consent Agenda. He also asked for clarification on Consent Agenda item #25.

Clarification was provided on Consent Agenda item #25 by Chairman DePratter and Commissioner Williams.

ACM Scott advised that he spoke with Citizen Stewart Lilker regarding a correction to May 7, 2015, minutes regarding a subject matter being discussed by Mr. Lilker. Mr. Scott recommended a change to the May 7 minutes.

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

Agenda Additions/Deletions:

Additions:

(1) Proclamation No. 2015P-7; Proclaiming the Month of May 2015 as Civility Month in Columbia County, Florida.

(2) Proclamation No. 2015P-8; Proclaiming the Week of May 17 thru 23, 2015 as Emergency Medical Services week in Columbia County, Florida.

(3) Approval of Bid 2015-G; Bestway Concrete-$13,310.

Deletions:

None

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

Presentation and Update of Lifeguard Ambulance Service of FL, LLC

Jason Kimbrell, Regional Director of Operations for Lifeguard Ambulance Service of FL, LLC gave a brief update of the operation.

Public Comment on Discussion and Action Items:

Citizen Buddy Hines spoke in favor of the Blanche Hotel Redevelopment Project.

Former Commissioner James Montgomery urged the Commission to back the Blanche Hotel Redevelopment Project.

Discussion and Action Items:

Integrity Development Partners, LLC ("IDP")- Letter of Intent

At the May 7, 2015 meeting, the Commission charged County Attorney Joel Foreman with the task of determining the legality of an interest free loan to the City of Lake City. Mr. Forman, along with ACM Scott and Commissioner DePratter, he was also asked to meet with the City of Lake City to see if an agreement could be reached on a Letter of Intent. Using the attached Power Point presentation, Mr. Forman reported his findings to the Commission. Mr. Foreman stressed to the Commission that should they entertain any type motion on this project, the motion must state why the Commission believes this project meets the requirements of Florida Statue 125.045(1).

Discussion ensued. Commissioner Williams gave a lengthy explanation of the reasons his motion would meet the requirements of Florida Statute 125.045(1). He then stated his motion.

MOTION by Commissioner Williams "to loan the developer a million dollars, forgive the interest through a grant, and draw up an agreement between the City, the County, and the developer where the city pays back the loan in full". SECOND by Commissioner Nash for discussion.

There was a need for clarification.

Commissioner Williams clarified and restated the motion "After all my thoughts about what I said in support of the Blanche; the main portion of what I said, the exhibits 1, 2, 3, that the County Attorney gave us as what the Florida Statute said to determine whether the County can loan a developer a million dollars to economic development, we meet those criteria. My motion also said that we enter into an agreement; come back to this board to be approved between the developer and the city and most notable of that agreement would be no matter what happened to the project, whether it's an overrun or

underrun or just go away, that the city is responsible for paying us back the million dollars. It's just that simple. Do you want it any simpler than that?"

Attorney Forman assisted with further clarification.

There was discussion.

The Chairman called for a vote.

Motion failed 2 to 3 with Commissioners DePratter, Phillips and Frisina voting in opposition.

Dissolution of Combined Communications Center Interlocal Agreement

In 2009 the County, the City of Lake City and the Columbia County Sheriff entered into an Interlocal Agreement for a Combined Communications Center. In 2012 the City of Lake City withdrew from the agreement. County Attorney Foreman suggested several opinions for correcting this agreement; do nothing, amend the current agreement, terminate this agreement or leave the agreement as is and negotiate a new agreement with the Sheriff's office.

Discussion ensued.

MOTION by Commissioner Williams to leave agreement as it is and direct Attorney Foreman and ACM Scott to enter into negotiation with the Sheriff's Office for a new agreement. SECOND by Commissioner Frisina.

Citizen Stewart Lilker offered comment on the dissolution of the Combined Communications Center Interlocal Agreement.

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

Proclamation No. 2015P-7

County Attorney Joel Foreman read Proclamation No. 2015P-7 Proclaiming the month of May 2015 as Civility month in Columbia County, Florida.

MOTION by Commissioner Williams to approve Proclamation No. 2015P-7. SECOND by Commissioner Frisina. The motion carried unanimously.

Suggested Changes to Meeting Rules and Procedures

ACM Scott suggested changes to the order of items on the meeting agenda. Suggested changes are attached to original minutes.

There was discussion.

MOTION by Commissioner Williams to approve staff recommendations. SECOND by Commissioner Frisina. The motion carried unanimously.

Right-of Way Acquisition Guidelines

Through a PowerPoint presentation ACM Scott explained the guidelines that staff is recommending. Which will improve the right-of-way acquisition process in a cost effective and timely manner. ACM Scott asked for one change to these guidelines in section five (5) paragraph one (1): the addition of “upon Board approval”.

Discussion ensued.

MOTION by Commissioner Nash to adopt the Right-of-Way Acquisition Guidelines with staff recommendations for changes. SECOND by Commissioner Frisina. The motion carried unanimously.

Resolution No. 2015 R-5

ACM Scott presented Resolution No. 2015 R-5-Financial Reserves Policy. This policy will be used as a guideline in the budgeting process.

Commissioner Williams requested that a clause be added to the policy that no reoccurring expenses over $10,000 could be spent from the reserves without a super majority vote of the Board. There was discussion.

MOTION by Commissioner Frisina to approve Resolution No. 2015 R-5 with the change/clause noted by Commissioner Williams. SECOND by Commissioner Nash. The motion carried unanimously.

Proclamation No. 2015P-8; Proclaiming the Week of May 17 thru 23, 2015 as Emergency Medical Services in Columbia County, Florida

MOTION by Commissioner Frisina to approve Proclamation No. 2015P-8. SECOND by Commissioner Williams. The motion carried unanimously.

2015-G Concrete Bid for Southside Recreation Complex

Staff requests approval of bid 2015-G for Southside Recreation Complex concrete for handicap parking and sidewalks. The low bid was received from Bestway Concrete in the amount of $13,310.

MOTION by Commissioner Williams to approve Bid No. 2015-G. SECOND by Commissioner Phillips. The motion carried unanimously.

Open Public Comments:

Citizen Stewart Lilker commented on the Blanche Hotel Project and asked the Commission who the Conflict Counsel would be for the Board of County Commissioners.

ACM Scott responded that a conflict attorney has not been selected.

Commissioner Comments:

Commissioner Williams wished everyone a safe and happy Memorial Day.

Adjournment:

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:25 p.m.

ATTEST:

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Rusty DePratter, Chairman
Board of County Commissioners

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P. DeWitt Cason
Clerk of Circuit Court