Columbia County
Board of County Commissioners

Minutes of
February 4, 2016

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 Bucky Nash, Scarlet Frisina, Rusty DePratter and Everett Phillips.
Others in Attendance:	County Manager Ben Scott ("CM") Assistant County Manager Scott Ward ("ACM") Assistant County Manager Kevin Kirby ("ACM") Risk Manager David Kraus ("RM") County Attorney Joel Foreman Deputy Clerk Katrina Vercher

Agenda Additions/Deletions

Additions:

- Cone of Silence
- Resolution 2016R-2
- Budget Amendment 16-32
- Satisfaction of Mortgage
- Move Resolution 2016R-1 to discussion items

Deletions:

None

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

Ministerial Matters

Montgomery Land

James Montgomery announced to the Commission that in his will, he has given the Commission first right of refusal to purchase his property. It has been discussed in the past that his property would make an excellent park.

Noah Valenstein, Executive Director, Suwannee River Water Management District ("SRWMD")

Director Valenstein introduced himself to the Commission as the new Director for SRWMD. He shared his plan for moving forward.

Director Valenstein answered questions from Citizens Merrillee Malwitz-Jipson, Jim Tatum, Stewart Lilker, John Jopling and an unnamed citizen.

Public Comment on Discussion and Action Items:

Citizen Stewart Lilker offered comment about add ons to the agenda, he also inquired about the EDAB mission statement and the bid on the Giles property. He also inquired about consent item #2.

Citizen Charles Trowbridge gave a brief presentation on chicken waste.

Citizen Sheila Preedom offered comment on the chicken farm in the Fort White area.

MOTION by Commissioner DePratter to approve the consent agenda with the deletion of item #5. SECOND by Commissioner Phillips. The motion carried unanimously.

Consent Agenda:

(1) External Budget Amendment – Administration – BA # 16-28 – Summer Youth Program Use of PILT Funds - $18,140.00

(2) External Budget Amendment – Sheriff's Office – BA # 16-29 – Requesting Approval of Special Law Enforcement Fund for a Charitable Organization - $5,000.00

(3) External Budget Amendment – Sheriff's Office – BA # 16-30 – Requesting Approval for Two (2) Law Enforcement Training Courses at FGC Public Service Training Center - $3,000.00

(4) External Budget Amendment – BCC Administration – BA # 16-31 – Release of Lien – Milton and Ashley Staples - $9,000.00

(5) ~~Operations Department – Requesting Approval from Ricky Smith Mowing – Accept Quote for Mowing of Alligator Lake - $30,112.32 annually~~

(6) Public Library – Requesting Approval to Close the Library Easter Weekend – March 26, 27, 2016

(7) Building and Zoning – Requesting Approval of a Special Family Lot Permit – Dawnielle Cheran Burns, Daughter - Kathryn & James Steele, Property Owner, 1165 NW Lower Springs Road

(8) Operations Department – Requesting Approval of Interlocal Agreement –Town of Baldwin for Acceptance of Leachate

(9) Operations Department – Clear and Sell Timber to North Florida Timber Dealers, Inc. – County Property Parcel # 00047-000

(10) Operations Department – Reclassification of Mechanic II Position to Mechanic Helper

(11) Purchasing Department – Requesting Approval for Bid Award # 2016-B – Gulf Atlantic Culvert Company – Corrugated Metal Pipe – (see attached documents)

(12) Purchasing Department – Requesting Approval for Contract Negotiations with Three (3) Top Ranked Firms – Kail Partners, CRA Architects and Skinner Vignola McLean, Inc. – (see attached documents)

(13) Operations Department – Requesting Approval of FDOT SCRAP, SCOP, CIGP Recommendations for Road Improvements

(14) Tourist Development Council – Requesting Approval of the Appointment of Paula Vann to the Natural North Florida Council – Representing Columbia County

(15) Requesting Approval of Visit Florida Grant Application – (Advertising Matching Grant, $2,500.00 and Cultural, Heritage, Rural and Nature (CHRN) Grant, $5000.00) – Additionally, Requesting Permission to Digitally Sign the Grants on Behalf of the Board of County Commissioner on the Visit Florida Web Portal

(16) BCC Administration – Requesting Minute Approval – Board of County Commissioners – Workshop & Regular Meeting – January 21, 2016

MOTION by Commissioner Frisina to adopt the consent agenda as amended. SECOND by Commissioner DePratter. The motion carried unanimously.

Discussion and Action Items:

Resolution 2016R-1

Commissioner Frisina read Resolution No. 2016R-1 supporting the restoration of passenger rail services between New Orleans, Louisiana and Jacksonville, Florida.

MOTION by Commissioner Frisina to adopt Resolution No. 2016R-1.. SECOND by Commissioner DePratter. The motion carried unanimously.

Former Giles Property Update

CM Scott reported that there were no bids received by the deadline of January 29, 2016. CM Scott recommended that the Commission extend the bid time until February 12, 2016.

MOTION by Commissioner DePratter to take staff recommendation. SECOND by Commissioner Phillips. The motion carried unanimously.

Cone of Silence

CM Scott would like the Commission to adopt a Code of Silence Ordinance. He asked the Commission to consider the possibility and to make suggestions for the content.

Resolution No. 2016R-2

On February 3, 2016, the Economic Development Advisory Board approved recommending that the Commission adopt Resolution No. 2016R-2. A resolution supporting Governor Scott's legislative request to develop the Florida Enterprise Fund.

MOTION by Commissioner Frisina to adopt Resolution No. 2016R-2. SECOND by Commissioner Phillips. The motion carried unanimously.

Budget Amendment 16-32

On February 3, 2016, the Economic Development Advisory Board approved a recommendation to the Commission asked for a budget amendment in the amount of $20,000 for site services on County owned parcel 25-3S-16-02277-101.

MOTION by Commissioner Frisina to approve budget amendment 16-32. SECOND by Commissioner Phillips.

Discussion ensued.

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

Satisfaction of Mortgage

Attorney Foreman recommended the Commission approve a satisfaction of mortgage between Service Zone, Inc. and Columbia County.

MOTION by Commissioner DePratter to take staff recommendation. SECOND by Commissioner Frisina. The motion carried unanimously.

Shade Meeting

Attorney Foreman informed the Commission that he will be calling a Shade Meeting on Tuesday, February 9, 2016.

Open Public Comments:

Citizen Merrillee Malwitz-Jipson offered comment on fracking.

John Quarterman with the Watershed Coalition invited everyone to the Live Oak Woman's Club on February 12, 2016 at 6:30 to view the film "At What Cost? Pipelines, Pollution and Eminent Domain in the Rural South".

Citizen Stewart Lilker offered comment on fracking, the format of the Commission meeting minutes and the County Charter non-interference policy. Attorney Foreman responded.

Ronnie Burris introduced himself to the Commission as a union representative for Laborers' International Union of North America, Local 630.

Citizen Sheila Preedom made a public records request for all records related to the chicken farm.

Citizen Terry Phallin offered comment on the chicken farm.

Buddy Hines, Chairman of the local Republican Party, invited everyone to attend a Town Hall Meeting with Ted Yoho, on February 8, 2016 at 8:00 p.m at the Jack and Taylor Building.

Citizen Sandra Buck-Camp offered comment on the chicken farm.

Citizen Sandra Smith inquired about the County plan for an Avian Flu outbreak. ACM Kirby responded.

Sheriff Mark Hunter responded to Mr. Lilker's inquiry about consent agenda item #2.

Staff Comments:

Attorney Foreman stated that Columbia County was 184 years old today.

Commissioner Comments:

Commissioner Nash commented on the County Charter and the meeting agenda.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:10 p.m.

ATTEST:

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Bucky Nash, Chairman
Board of County Commissioners

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P. DeWitt Cason
Clerk of Circuit Court