Columbia County
Board of County Commissioners

Minutes of
December 15, 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 Ronald Williams, Rusty DePratter, Tim Murphy, Bucky Nash and Everett Phillips.
Others in Attendance:	County Manager Ben Scott ("CM") Assistant County Manager Scott Ward ("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 Nash to approve the agenda as presented. SECOND by Commissioner Murphy. The motion carried unanimously.

Building and Zoning Hearings:

Future Land Use Plan Map Amendment Ordinance No. 2016-29
(First and Final Hearing)

CPA 0222-To amend the future land use plan map of the Comprehensive Plan. [Ordinance No. 2016-29] Parcels 08885-004.

The public hearing opened and closed without comment.

MOTION by Commissioner Nash to approve Ordinance No. 2016-29, CPA 0222. SECOND by Commissioner Phillips. The motion carried unanimously.

Public Comment on Discussion and Action Items:

Citizen Stewart Lilker offered comment on the form contract for road construction projects, the Motorola agreement, BA 17-18 and TAP. CM Scott responded.

MOTION by Commissioner Nash to approve the consent agenda with item #14 pulled for explanation. SECOND by Commissioner DePratter. The motion carried unanimously.

Citizen Stewart Lilker offered comment on consent item #14. CM Scott responded.

MOTION by Commissioner DePratter to approve consent item #14. SECOND by Commissioner Phillips. The motion carried unanimously.

Consent Agenda:

(1) External Budget Amendment - Columbia County Fire Rescue - BA # 17-15 – Request to Recognize and Allocate Grant Revenue Received - Annual EMS Grant C5012 - $16,036.00 (Pg. 1)

(2) External Budget Amendment - Combined Emergency Communications Center - BA # 17-16 - Request to Accept State Fall 2016 Rural E-911 Grant - 911 Maintenance - $13,435.00 (Pg. 5)

(3) External Budget Amendment - Operations Department - BA # 17-17 - Insurance Reimbursement - $6,342.00 (Pg. 10)

(4) BCC Administration - Requesting Approval of Resolution No. 2016R-50 – Providing for the Location, Time and Place for Holding all Regular Meetings of the Board of County Commissioners (Pg. 26)

(5) BCC Administration - Requesting Approval of Easement on County Property Located at West Side Library Branch for Gateway Crossing (Pg. 29)

(6) Economic Development Department - Requesting Approval of Lease and Service Agreement for Color Copier - McCrimon's Office Systems - $172.15 monthly for 60 months (Pg. 34)

(7) Operations Department - Utility Permit - Florida Power and Light Company - CR 25A and Moore Farm Road (Pg. 38)

(8) Operations Department - Utility Permit - Comcast Cable - SE Natalie Terrace (Pg. 50)

(9) Operations Department - Utility Permit - City of Lake City - Marion Ave to 3242 S. US HWY 441 (Pg. 61)

(10) Operations Department - Requesting Permission to Enter Private Property - Richardson Community Center - 310 NE Fronie St. (Pg. 68)

(11) Purchasing - Requesting Approval of Ranking RFP 2016-W Sports Tourism Strategic Plan Consultant - Huddle Up Group (Pg. 72)

(12) Solid Waste Department -FDACS Form 13663 Roll-Forward Budget Amendments Local & State Mosquito Grant - $32,186.00 (Pg. 78)

(13) Sheriff's Office - Requesting Funds from the Special Law Enforcement Trust Fund - National Conference on Preventing Crime in the Black Community - $ 1,000.00 (Pg.96)

(14) Tourist Development Council - Requesting Approval of Madden Media Amplified Story Telling Content Campaign - $25,000.00 (Pg. 98)

(15) Tourist Development Council - Requesting Approval of Sports Events Annual Planners Guide Advertisement - $1,750.00 (Pg. 112)

(16) Tax Collector Office - Annual Report 2015-2016 Year End Close Out Report - $321,092.00 (Pg. 117)

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

Discussion and Action Items:

Letter of Support

County Attorney Foreman presented the Board with the Letter of Support that he drafted at the Boards request during the November 17, 2016 meeting.

Discussion ensued.

MOTION by Commissioner DePratter to approve. SECOND by Commissioner Phillips. The motion carried unanimously.

Road Construction Projects

After recent litigation, it was recommended that the County's contracts be revised to better defend the County against future disputes.

Mr. Forman presented the Board with a proposed contract form that makes the requirements of the parties more definite and requires use of specific procedures and forms to complete the contract. Any changes to the contract would have to be reviewed and approved by this Board.

Commissioner DePratter requested that on page 7, item E, the 5% upon reaching 50% completion be removed and stay at 10% for the entire term of the contract.

Discussion ensued.

MOTION by Commissioner DePratter to approve the contract with the amendment on page 7, item E. SECOND by Commissioner Phillips. The motion carried unanimously.

Road Prioritization for Florida Department of Transportation ("FDOT") Grant Funding

Using the attached PowerPoint presentation, ACM Kirby presented the Board with the recommendations of the road projects for submission to the FDOT Small County Road Assistance Program ("SCRAP"), Small County Outreach Program ("SCOP"), County Incentive Grant Program ("CIGP") and Transportation Alternatives Program ("TAP") Funding Programs for 2021.

All County roads were scored based on an assessment of roads using the County's Road Prioritization Policy. Using the scores, ACM Kirby presented the Board with his recommendations for roads to be submitted for each of the listed FDOT programs. His recommendations were as follows:

SCRAP
- CR 242E (CR 131 TO US 441)
- NW WINFIELD

SCOP
- CR 133 (CR 252 TO US 90)
- SW BIRLEY (CR 242W TO US 90)

CICP
- TOMPKINS ROAD
- DAIRY ROAD

Discussion ensued.

MOTION by Commissioner Phillips to pull NW Winfield until the next cycle and add CR 18E, (US 441 to County line). SECOND by Commissioner Nash. The motion carried unanimously.

MOTION by Commissioner Nash to approve the projects as follows;

SCRAP
- CR 242E (CR 131 TO US 441)

- CR 18E (US 441 TO COUNTY LINE)

SCOP
- CR 133 (CR 252 TO US 90)
- SW BIRLEY (CR 242W TO US 90)

CICP
- TOMPKINS ROAD
- DAIRY ROAD

SECOND by Commissioner Phillips. The motion carried unanimously.

Discussion ensued on the recommended TAP projects.

TAP
- BASCOM NORRIS (VOSS TO US 90)
- BASCOM NORRIS (SOUTHSIDE SPORTS COMPLEX TO SR 47)
- TURNER ROAD (US TO BATTLEHILL)
- FT. WHITE COMMUNITY (EXTEND ON SR 47 TO FT. WHITE LIBRARY)
- FT. TRAIN DEPOT IMPROVEMENTS (PARKING, LIGHTING, SIDEWALKS)

MOTION by Commissioner Nash to approve Bascom Norris (Voss to US 90) and the Train Depot in Ft. White. SECOND by Commissioner DePratter. The motion carried unanimously.

Discussion ensued.

Motorola Communications Site Development Agreement RFP – 2016-R

CM Scott recommended the Board approve the negotiated contract with Motorola Solutions. This agreement has been negotiated based on the County's Request for Proposals 2016-R. This is the first phase of the emergency communications improvement project and consists primarily of building the needed infrastructure. This phase will include three new towers to be located at the Emergency Operations Center, Columbia County Sheriff's Office, and the Deep Creek Fire Department. Also included in this phase, are new communication shelters and generators for each of the locations listed above as well as the Lulu Fire Department. The total amount of this contract is $1,277,887.99.

MOTION by Commissioner Nash to approve. SECOND by Commissioner Phillips.

Discussion ensued.

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

BA 17-18 Fire Department Vehicle Purchases

The Columbia County Fire Department is in need of new equipment and to have some equipment refurbished. They have requested the following:

- Purchase Two (2) Fire Engines: $279,561 each.
- Purchase Two (2) Brush Trucks: approximately $85,000.00 each.
  - $12,000.00 of cost may be funded by a grant from the Florida Forestry Service
- Refurbish Two (2) Tanker Trucks: approximately $120,000.00 each.

Total cost: $969,122.00

MOTION by Commissioner Nash to approve BA 17-18 for $969,122.00. SECOND by Commissioner Phillips.

Discussion ensued.

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

Open Public Comments:

Citizen Sandra Buck-Camp offered comment on the North Florida Regional Planning Council, County reserves and the space used for Board meetings.

Citizen Stewart Lilker offered comment on ACM Kirby's presentation.

Staff Comments:

Mr. Foreman requested each Commissioner to meet with him regarding Board meeting procedures.

Commissioner Comments:

Commissioner Murphy requested help with storm debris on Deerwood Terrace.

Discussion ensued.

MOTION by Commissioner Murphy to have storm debris removed by the Road Department from Deerwood Terrace. SECOND by Commissioner DePratter. The motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner DePratter responded to Ms. Buck-Camp's comment about meeting space.

Adjournment

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

ATTEST:

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Ronald Williams, Chairman
Board of County Commissioners

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P. DeWitt Cason
Clerk of Circuit Court