Columbia County
Board of County Commissioners

Minutes of
February 16, 2017

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") Risk Manager David Kraus ("RM") 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 Phillips. The motion carried unanimously.

Ministerial Matters

Proclamation 2017P-1

Commissioner DePratter read the Proclamation designating the week of February 20-24, 2017, as National Future Farmers of America Organization week in Columbia County.

FFA students thanked the Commission for the Proclamation and spoke briefly. They requested permission to fly the FFA Flag at the Courthouse during FFA Week.

MOTION by Commissioner to approve Proclamation 2017P-1. SECOND by Commissioner Nash. The motion carried unanimously.

MOTION by Commissioner to allow the FFA Flag to fly during FFA Week, February 20 – 24, 2017. SECOND by Commissioner Phillips. The motion carried unanimously.

Building and Zoning Hearings:

Land Development Regulations ("LDR") Amendment

LDR 16-02-To amend the text of the LDR, section 2.1 entitled "Definitions - General" to redefine "Intensive Agricultural Development", "Intensive Agriculture", and add a definition for "Concentrated Animal Feeding Operation". [Ordinance No. 2016-32]

County Attorney Foreman gave a brief history of why this came about.

Discussion ensued.

The public hearing opened.

The following citizens spoke in support:

Debbie McClelland	Sheila Breedan
Bruce Borders	Colette Jacono
Sandy Lyons	Merrillee Malwitz-Jipson
Laverne Hodge	

The following persons spoke in support for the listed organizations:

Our Santa Fe River	Jim Tatum
Ichetucknee Alliance	John Jopling and Jasmine Hagen
The Sierra Club	Whitey Markle

The following persons spoke in opposition for the listed organizations:

Columbia County Farm Bureau	Steven Dicks
Florida Farm Bureau Federation	Charles Shin
Florida Forestry Association	Mike Branch
Florida Cattlemen's Association	Jim Hanley
Farm Credit of Alachua	Bobby Carnley
Pacific Legal Foundation	Mark Miller

Citizens Brad Dicks and John Willis spoke in opposition.

The public hearing closed.

Discussion ensued.

MOTION by Commissioner Murphy that this Board deny the change. SECOND by Commissioner Phillips.

By a roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously

Land Development Regulations (“LDR”) Amendment

LDR 17-01 – To amend the text of the LDR, Section 4.2.31, entitled "Home Occupation Requirement"; Section 4.4.5, entitled “Special Exceptions”; Section 4.5.7, entitled “Special Exceptions”; Section 4.6.5, entitled “Special Exceptions”; Section 4.7.5, entitled “Special Exceptions”; Section 4.8.5, entitled “Special Exceptions”; Section 4.9.5, entitled “Special Exceptions”; Section 4.11.5, entitled “Special Exceptions”; Section 4.18.4, entitled “Special Exceptions”; and, Section 4.19.4, entitled “Special Exceptions”. [Ordinance No. 2017-01]

Discussion ensued.

The public hearing opened and closed without comment.

MOTION by Commissioner DePratter to adopt Ordinance No. 2016-1, LDR 16-01. SECOND by Commissioner Nash. The motion carried unanimously

Public Comment on Discussion and Action Items:

Citizen Stewart Lilker offered comment on item #7. Commissioner Williams responded.

Citizen Sandy Lyons offered comment on the DFF Grant and the restrooms at Rum Island.

Citizen Merrillee Malwitz-Jipson offered comment on restrooms at Rum Island and other boat ramps in the County. CM Scott responded.

Citizen Barbara Lemley offered comment on the restrooms at Rum Island.

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

Consent Agenda:

(1) 911 Addressing - Request Approval of Unnamed Private Road Name - SW Windy Acres Court

(2) BCC Administration - Requesting Approval of Minutes - Board of County Commissioners -Regular Meeting - February 2, 2017

(3) BCC Administration - Requesting Approval of Minutes - Board of County Commissioners -Regular Meeting - January 19, 2017

(4) Columbia County Fire Rescue - Interlocal Agreement between Columbia County and Macclenny for Mutual Aid

(5) County Attorney - Resolution No. 2017 R-2 - Requesting Adoption of Eminent Domain – Old Wire Road Project

(6) County Attorney - Resolution No. 2017 R-3 - Request Hearing for Road Closure - Clay Drive

(7) Economic Development - Matching Grant Funds - Workforce Marketing Development -$10,000 with $1,000 Match

(8) Human Resource - Requesting Approval of the Volunteer & Employee Criminal History System Contract

(9) Library Department - Requesting Approval for Library Closure - April 15-16, 2017 (Easter Holiday)

(10) Operations Department - Utility Permit - Comcast Cable - NE Dewdrop Way

(11) Operations Department - Utility Permit - Comcast Cable - SW Camphor Court

(12) Operations Department - Utility Permit - Comcast Cable - SW Walter Avenue

(13) Operations Department - Utility Permit - FCCG/Comcast Aerial CATV Facilities - SE CR 252

(14) Operations Department - Utility Permit - AT&T Aerial Fiber Cable and Buried Cable - 313 SW Windswept Glen to SW Arrowhead Terrace

(15) Purchasing - Award Annual Bid 2017-B - Sand Loading and Hauling to Low Bidder Bubba's Site Prep

(16) Purchasing Department - Award Annual Bid No. 2016-X - Mower Blades, Mix Oil, Trimmer String - Various Bidders

(17) Recreation Department - Request Transfer of PILT Funds - Transportation Trust Account to Recreation Department and Extension Office - BA 17-29; $19,335

(18) Risk Management Department - Accept Florida Recreation Development Assistance Program Grant - Westside Community Center Park Improvements - BA 17-31- $50,000

(19) Risk Management Department - Approve Modification - Erin Glen Phase II HMGP Grant

(20) Risk Management Department - Approve Application for Training Incentive Program for Safety (TIPS) Grant - BA 17-30; $5,000

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

Discussion and Action Items:

Retail Strategies Agreement Renewal

On February 1, 2017, the Economic Development Advisory Board voted to recommend that the Board of County Commissioners approve the renewal of an agreement with Retail Strategies. The agreement is for a term of three (3) years at a cost to the County of $17,500.00 per year. Staff recommends approval.

Discussion ensued.

MOTION by Commissioner Nash to take staff recommendation. SECOND by Commissioner Murphy. The motion carried unanimously.

Modifications to Roadside Mowing Contract

ACM Kirby addressed the Board concerning issues with the current roadside mowing contract. He advised the Board of the changes being made to the RFP for the mowing contract.

Discussion ensued.

Regional Initiative Valuing Environmental Resources ("RIVER") Grant

RM Kraus requested approval and authorization to apply for a RIVER Grant from the Suwannee River Water Management District in the amount of $150,000.00 for the construction of restrooms at Rum Island Park.

Discussion ensued.

An additional $43,850.00 for bank erosion may be requested in the grant application.

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

Florida Department of Juvenile Justice Grant

The Florida Department of Juvenile Justice is administering a grant through the US Department of Justice for innovative summer and afterschool service programs that address juvenile delinquency prevention and intervention. These programs include but are not limited to mentoring, afterschool programming and tutoring. Grant recipients will provide continuous programming for afterschool and summer for a 12-month period

and the grant may extend for a 3-year period. The program targets youth at risk of delinquency between the ages of five and seventeen. The grant is for up to $61,000 per year and requires no match. The grant period would begin with the 2017-2018 school year.

RM Kraus requested approval and authorization to apply for the grant.

Discussion ensued.

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

Hurricane Loss Mitigation Program Grant

The program targets single family, owner occupied homes and is intended to prevent or reduce losses and the cost of rebuilding after a disaster. Under this program the State would provide the County with $194,000 with no required match. This would allow the County to assist 8 to 10 low income and senior citizen homeowners.

RM Kraus requested approval and authorization to apply for the grant.

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

Discussion ensued.

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

Open Public Comments:

Citizen Merrillee Malwitz-Jipson offered comment on the public hearing for Ordinance No. 2016-32, wildflower mowing and Rum Island erosion.

Citizen Stewart Lilker offered comment on Lake Shore Access Road, an ethics workshop and item #7.

Commissioner Comments:

Commissioner Nash requested the Sports Advisory Board to be set on the next agenda.

Commissioner Phillips offered comment on the permitting process.

Commissioner Murphy requested an update on the Real Road project. ACM Kirby responded. He also requested a date be set for an ethics workshop.

Commissioner DePratter offered comment on the outcome of Ordinance No. 2016-32.

Staff Comments:

County Attorney Foreman offered comment on Ordinance No. 2016-32. Commissioner Williams responded.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:30 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