Columbia County
Board of County Commissioners

Minutes of
December 7, 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 Timothy Murphy, Rusty DePratter, Bucky Nash, Everett Phillips and Ronald Williams.
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 Trisha Hollingsworth

Agenda Additions/Deletions

There were no additions or deletions.

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

Ministerial Matters

Guy Williams addressed the Board regarding the new County Administrative Complex.

Public Hearings:

Building and Zoning Hearings

Land Development Regulations ("LDR")

CPA 0226-To amend Ordinance No. 91-6, the Comprehensive Plan as relating to the designated Urban Development Area of the Future Land Use Plan Map. [Ordinance No. 2017-20] Staff recommended approval and direct staff to transmit to the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity for review.

Discussion ensued.

The public hearing opened.

Citizen Stewart Lilker asked questions.

The public hearing closed.

MOTION by Commissioner DePratter to adopt CPA 0226, Ordinance No. 2017-20. SECOND by Commissioner Phillips. The motion carried unanimously.

CPA 17-01-To amend the text of the Comprehensive Plan by amending Goal I and Policy I.1.3 of the Future Land Use Element relating to the establishment of the Designated Urban Development Area of the Future Land Use Map of the Comprehensive Plan. [Ordinance No. 2017-21] Staff recommended approval and direct staff to transmit to the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity for review.

Discussion ensued.

The public hearing opened and closed without comment.

MOTION by Commissioner Phillips to adopt CPA 17-01, Ordinance No. 2017-21. SECOND by Commissioner Murphy. The motion carried unanimously.

<u>County Code Amendment – Sale and Consumption of Liquor and Alcohol</u>

An ordinance amending Chapter 10 of the County Code of Ordinances to change the hours of sale and permit sales on Sunday. [Ordinance No. 2017-22]

Discussion ensued.

The public hearing opened.

Citizen Stewart Lilker asked questions.

The following persons spoke in favor:

Bill Aldridge Art Lowes Dana Foshay

Bar owner John Deschenes asked a question.

Sheriff Hunter addressed questions.

The public hearing closed.

Discussion ensued.

MOTION by Commissioner Murphy to amend Section 10-34 of the ordinance to change Sunday sales hour to 11 a.m. to 11 p.m. SECOND by Commissioner Nash. The motion carried unanimously.

Package store owner Sam (unable to discern last name) asked a question.

MOTION by Commissioner Nash to amend 10-34 to provide that alcoholic beverages be permitted to be sold, consumed or served in any alcoholic beverage establishment on Sunday between the hours of 7 a.m. and 11 p.m. furthermore liquor be permitted to be sold, consumed or served in any alcoholic beverage establishment on Sunday between the hours of 11 a.m. and 11 p.m. SECOND by Commissioner Murphy.

Dave Miller with Ruby Tuesday's offered comment.

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

MOTION by Commissioner Nash to adopt Ordinance No. 2017-22. SECOND by Commissioner Phillips. The motion carried 4 to1 with Commissioner DePratter voting in opposition.

Consent Agenda:

MOTION by Commissioner DePratter to Jim Rountree's house to consent item number 19. SECOND by Commissioner Phillips. The motion carried unanimously.

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

Citizen Stewart Lilker asked questions about items seven, eight, eighteen and twenty.

(1) 9-1-1 Communications Center - Requesting Approval to Accept Fall 2017 E911 Board Rural Grant - $1,655

(2) BCC Administration - Christmas Holiday Designation

(3) BCC Administration - Florida Power and Light - LED Lighting Agreement

(4) BCC Administration - Requesting Approval of Resolution 2017R-53 - Revised SHIP Local Housing Assistance Plan

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

(6) BCC Administration - Requesting Approval of Minutes - Board of County Commissioners - Regular Meeting - November 16, 2017

(7) Economic Development - Letter of Support for North Florida Economic Development Partnership - Regional Rural Development Grant

(8) Economic Development - Resolution 2017R-56 - Rural Area of Opportunity Letter of Support

(9) Public Works - BA 18-14 - Mosquito Control Roll Over Funds from 2016-2017 - $3,002

(10) Public Works - Requesting Approval of Small County Consolidated Solid Waste Grant Agreement - Litter Removal - $90,909

(11) Public Works - Requesting Approval of Environmental Engineering Contract - Darabi and Associates

(12) Public Works - Requesting Approval to Enter Private Property - 216 Starlight Court – Removal of Fallen Tree from County Right-of-Way

(13) Public Works - Utility Permit - Comcast - NW Turner Avenue

(14) Public Works - Utility Permit - Comcast - SW Sisters Welcome Road

(15) Public Works - Utility Permit - Comcast - Meeks Street

(16) Public Works - Utility Permit - Comcast - SW Stewart Loop

(17) Public Works - Utility Permit - Florida Power and Light Company - Agricultural Lane

(18) Purchasing - Requesting Approval of Purchasing Policy for Federal Grants

(19) Risk Management - Requesting Approval to Authorize the Selection of an Engineering Firm to Prepare Hazard Mitigation Grant Application for Flood Mitigation after Hurricane Irma

(20) Risk Management - Requesting Approval of Florida Recreation Development Assistance Program (FRDAP) Grant - Amendment Number One to DEP FRDAP Contract A7114 Amending the Project Work Plan - Westside Community Center

(21) Risk Management - Requesting Approval of Legislative Appropriation - Resolution 2017R-54 - Authorizing the County to Enter into a Contract - 2017 Rum Island Park Legislative Line Item Grant Award - $150,000

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

Discussion and Action Items:

Project 17-8

Economic Development Director Glenn Hunter presented the Board with the Economic Development Agreement for Project 17-8 and recommended approval.

Discussion ensued.

Citizen Stewart Lilker offered comment.

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

FDOT Funded Transportation Projects

ACM Kirby presented the Board with the suggested projects for submission to the Florida Department of Transportation ("FDOT") for the year 2022. The submission is due to FDOT the beginning of 2018. The projects are as follows:

1. Leonia, Queen, Chambria and Winfield from CR 250 to US 41.
2. Birley Road from CR 242 to US 90 W.
3. Wester, Bunn and Finley Little from SR 47 to CR 131.

Discussion ensued.

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

Regional Transportation System Surtax

Florida Statute 212.055(1) provides that a charter county may levy a discretionary sales surtax. The rate of the tax may be up to one percent. County Attorney Foreman provided the Board with examples of ordinances from Alachua and Walton counties showing two different approaches to levying this tax and requested direction form the Board on how to proceed.

Discussion ensued.

MOTION by Commissioner Murphy to allow the County Attorney Foreman to prepare this ordinance. SECOND by Commissioner Nash. The motion carried unanimously.

Welcome Center Remodel

CM Scott presented the Board with a conceptual remodel design for the former Welcome Center building and is requesting permission to utilize the existing contract for architectural services to develop plan and bid specs for this project.

Discussion ensued.

MOTION by Commissioner Nash to approve remodel of Welcome Center. SECOND by Commissioner DePratter. The motion carried unanimously.

Administrative Complex Project

CM Scott presented the Board with the bank proposals received for this project and recommended accepting Chase Bank's proposal with a 15 year fixed rate of 2.28% and the ability to prepay the loan, without penalty, on or after June 1, 2022. [Resolution No. 2017R-57]

Discussion ensued.

Citizens Barbara Lemley and Stewart Lilker offered comment.

MOTION by Commissioner Murphy to accept the Chase proposal. SECOND by Commissioner Nash. The motion carried unanimously.

Re-Organization In Accordance with the Columbia County Charter:

a. Confirmation for the Location, Time and Place of Holding all Regular Meetings of the Board of County Commissioners. [Resolution No. 2017R-55]

MOTION by Commissioner Phillips to adopt Resolution 2017R-55 to designate the location, time and place of all regular meetings. SECOND by Commissioner Murphy. The motion carried unanimously.

b. Selection of Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson

MOTION by Commissioner Nash to select Commissioner Murphy as Chairperson. SECOND by Commissioner DePratter. The motion carried unanimously.

MOTION by Commissioner DePratter to nominate Commissioner Phillips as Vice Chairperson. SECOND by Commissioner Murphy. The motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Williams passed the Chairperson's gavel to Commissioner Murphy.

Open Public Comments and/or Questions:

Members of the public addressed the Board with their comments and/or questions regarding the following items:

Barbara Lemley on the Lake Jeffrey location for an administrative building and Lake Shore Hospital Authority.

Stewart Lilker on the Lake Jeffrey location for an administrative building and County policy.

Sheriff Hunter addressed the Board concerning the Jail Project.

Larry Snyder on records request for Babe Ruth baseball.

John Westland on records request for Babe Ruth baseball.

Adjournment

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

ATTEST:

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Timothy Murphy, Chairman
Board of County Commissioners

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P. DeWitt Cason
Clerk of Circuit Court