



Board of County Commissioners

Regular Meeting

January 7, 2020

5:30 p.m.

Columbia County School Board Administrative Complex



BA 21-13

- This BA involves 3 Capital Projects at year end:
 - 1) Cannon Creek
 - 2) Rum Island Park
 - 3) Columbia City Playground
- Substantial completion on these grants has occurred in October/November of 2020.
- Reimbursement revenues for these grants were not included in the FY2021 budget.
- This BA approves the revenues from State agencies and places them in the FY2021 Budget.



BA 21-13

➤ Budgeting funding awarded to grants in prior years and not included in current year

FROM:	TO:	AMOUNT:
302-0000-334.36-11 STORMWATER DEP GRANT / DEP SPRINGS FD. S0924	302-8400-584.90-98 RESERVES / CASH BALANCE FORWARD	\$1,488,020
302-0000-334.70-19 GRANTS / LEG APPROP - RUM ISLAND	302-8400-584.90-98 RESERVES / CASH BALANCE FORWARD	\$150,000
302-0000-334.70-22 GRANTS / COL CTY FRDAP GRNT P9028	302-8400-584.90-98 RESERVES / CASH BALANCE FORWARD	\$150,000
302-0000-337.31-03 SWRMD GRANTS / RUM ISLAND PARK	302-8400-584.90-98 RESERVES / CASH BALANCE FORWARD	\$150,000

➤ **Recommended Motion:** Approve BA 21-13 in the amount of \$ 1,938,020



PRTG Network Monitor Software Purchase

- County IT Department used Solarwinds Orion software to monitor all systems from servers to network equipment
- On December 8, 2020 Solarwinds announced its software was hacked and 33,000 U.S. based customers were effected. Solarwinds was immediately “turned off”.
- Due to the hack and the investigation of Solarwinds Board of Directors for insider trading, IT recommends moving away from the company
- IT has used PRGT Network Monitor previously and recommends switching back
- **Recommended Motion:** Approve switching to PRGT Network Monitor in the amount of \$10,714



Extension of COVID Leave Benefits

- Columbia County was required by the Families First Coronavirus Response Act (FFCRA) to provide Emergency Paid Leave and Emergency Family Medical Leave as part of the federal COVID-19 response. This expired on December 31, 2020.
- The legislation adopted in December extended many COVID-19 programs but extending the leave provisions is optional.
- While not required, staff recommends extending the leave benefit through March 31, 2021
- **Recommended Motion:** Approve the extension of COVID Leave Benefits through March 31, 2021



Holiday Pay Revisions

➤ Discussion of Holiday Pay Policy

➤ **No Recommended Action**



IT Stipends

Property Appraiser's Office Technical Support

- The Property Appraiser has requested for the County to provide IT technical support and to pay the County \$8,661 for stipends to the IT Department staff for this support. This service was previously outsourced. Stipends are consistent with past practices.
- Annual stipends would need to be added to the County's General Pay Plan in the amount of \$4,425 for a Network Specialist and \$2,925 for a Desktop Support Specialist.
- The \$1,311 difference would cover the cost of benefits
- **Recommended Motion:** Approve amending the General Pay Plan to include stipends of \$4,425 for Network Specialist and \$2,925 Desktop Support Specialist with the additional \$1,311 for the cost of benefits.



Economic Development Advisory Board Recommendation

- On December 22, 2020 the Economic Development Advisory Board discussed a request for an Economic Development Agreement for Project Belle and recommended the Board of County Commissioners not proceed with an agreement.

- **No recommended motion**



Update on Utility Services Economic Development Efforts

- Economic development target areas identified by Rudder Plan
 - 1) Bell Road/ I-10 Corridor
 - 2) SR-47/I-75 Interchange
 - 3) Ellisville
 - 4) US-90

- Other Economic Development Sites
 - Ft White
 - NFMIP
 - Potential of Water Recharge Related Projects

- **Discussion Only – Seeking Board Direction**



Update on CARES Act

- Will be provided at Meeting

- **No recommended motion**