Columbia County
Board of County Commissioners

Minutes of
January 5, 2023

The Columbia County Board of County Commissioners met in a regular scheduled meeting in the auditorium of the School Board Administrative Complex at 9:30 a.m. The meeting opened with prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America followed.

Commissioners in Attendance: Chairman Rocky Ford, Robby Hollingsworth
Timothy Murphy, Toby Witt

Commissioners Absent: Ronald Williams

Others in Attendance: County Manager David Kraus ("CM")
Assistant County Manager Kevin Kirby ("ACM")
County Attorney Joel Foreman
Deputy Clerk Olga Armas

Agenda Additions/Deletions

Additions:

Humane Society

Deletions:

None

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

Presentations

1) Proclamation No. 2023P-01 - 2022 Chad Reed (FEPA) Emergency Manager of the Year Award Recognition - Shayne Morgan

MOTION by Commissioner Ford to approve Proclamation No. 2023P-01. SECOND by Commissioner Phillips. The motion carried unanimously.

2) Commissioner Committees 2023

Commissioner Ford announced which Committee each Commissioner would be a part of for 2023. No action was taken.

3) Economic Development Incentive Update

The Board requested updated information regarding Economic Development Projects with active incentives. No action was taken.

Consent Agenda:

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

1) BCC Administration - SHIP - Release of Lien - David Kirkman - $6000

2) BCC Finance - BA 23-19 - Allocation of the Additional Funds from the City of Lake City for Emergency Home Repairs - $250,000

3) BCC Finance - BA 23-21 - Allocation of the SRWMD Grant Funds That will be Used to Modify the NFMIP's Wastewater Treatment Facility - $2,960,000

4) BCC Finance - BA 23-22 - Carpet Replacement for BOCC Admin Offices - $21,829

5) BCC Finance - Bills and Vouchers - 12/21/22 - $1,048,590

6) BCC Finance - Bills and Vouchers - 12/27/22 - $39,705

7) BCC Finance - Clerk of Court - Annual Local Government Financial Report FY 2021-2022

8) Building Department - Building Permit Fee Refund

9) Public Works - Utility Permit - Comcast to run Cable Along County Road 245

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

Discussion and Action Items

<u>Kevin Kirby, Assistant County Manager</u>

1) Bid No. 2022-K1 - Sign Materials

On December 6, 2022 a total of 9 bids were received in response to BID No. 2022-K1 for the six (6) sections of various traffic sign materials.

MOTION by Commissioner Hollingsworth to approve and award Bid 2022-K1 for sign materials. SECOND by Commissioner Murphy. The motion carried unanimously.

2) Bid No. 2022-06 - Cypress Lake Road & Charles Terrace - Anderson Columbia Co., Inc. - $4,101,547

On December 14, 2022, two qualified bids were received for the above referenced bid - 2022-06 Cypress Lake Road and Charles Terr. Anderson Columbia Co., Inc. submitted the lowest bid at $4,101,547.25

MOTION by Commissioner Ford to approve and award Bid 2022-06 to Anderson Columbia Co., Inc. for $4,101,547.25. SECOND by Commissioner Murphy. The motion carried unanimously.

3) Bid No. 2022-07 NE Double Run Road - C.A. Boone Construction, Inc.- $389,957

MOTION by Commissioner to Murphy approve Bid No.2022-07. SECOND by Commissioner Hollingsworth. The motion carried unanimously.

David Kraus, County Manager

4) Revised Job Description for Public Safety Tele communicator Trainee.

Current Public Safety Tele communicator Trainee job description, requires applicants to have 1-year work experience to apply. The Department requested to change this educational requirement to preferred to allow the Department to recruit recent H.S. or College graduates who have not yet entered the workforce.

MOTION by Commissioner Hollingsworth to approve revised job description. SECOND by Commissioner Murphy. The motion carried unanimously.

5) BA 23-23 - Reimbursement to the Florida Division of Emergency Management (FDEM) - Overpayments from Tropical Storm Debby (DR-4068) - $648,232

On December 20, 2022 the County received a second invoice for re-payment due to an overpayment of funds for DR-4068 (Tropical Storm Debby). The State is asking for $648,231.68.

MOTION by Commissioner Murphy to approve BA 23-23. SECOND by Commissioner Phillips. The motion carried unanimously.

6) Columbia County Fire and Rescue Department - Legislative Appropriation Request and Equipment Purchase

The department seeks direction from the Board to apply for a legislative appropriation to build a new Fire Station at Lake Jeffery Road and to discuss the future replacement of 2 Fire Trucks due to a 2-year delay in delivery time. Each fire truck is $420,000.

MOTION by Commissioner Hollingsworth to apply for a legislative appropriation to build a new Fire Station. SECOND by Commissioner Murphy. The motion carried unanimously.

MOTION by Commissioner Phillips to order 2 Fire Trucks. SECOND by Commissioner Hollingsworth. The motion carried unanimously.

7) Lake City Humane Society - Keith Williams

Donnie Daniels offered explanation on the complaint that was made in the previous meeting on December 22, 2022.

Terry Rasmussen offered comment.

8) Update on City of Lake City/Columbia County Issues

On January 3, 2023, Jennifer Daniels presented an update to the City Council of Lake City. As part of the presentation, they discussed a potential Florida Jobs Growth Grant to fund the I-75/US-47 Interchange Force Main project.

MOTION by Commissioner Murphy to go into coalition of the City to immediately set fourth for the proposed grant.

Commissioner Murphy withdrew his motion.

MOTION by Commissioner Murphy to have the County Manager and staff reach out to the City of Lake City and request a letter of companionship to set forth for the grant. SECOND by Commissioner Hollingsworth. The motion carried unanimously.

<u>Interlocal agreement on the Richardson Center</u>

Commissioner Ford advised the public of the what happened at the last City meeting on January 3rd, 2022 in regards to the Richardson Center.

County Attorney Joel Foreman, created a Memorandum of Understanding and read it for the record.

MOTION by Commissioner Ford to notify the City of Lake City of the County's election to terminate any tenancy with Richardson Community Center, release the City from the Interlocal Agreement, remove all County material and personnel from the premises, and surrender the premises to the City. SECOND by Commissioner Hollingsworth. The motion carried unanimously.

Corbin Alday offered comment on the CDBG-CV Grant.

Pastor Mobley offered comment on the Richardson Center.

Developments seeking City approval that would connect to County maintained roads

Commissioner Ford advised the Board that when the City makes decisions about County roads, the Commissioner should be involved.

Commissioner Ford received a letter from the Sheriff's office.

MOTION by Commissioner Murphy to take $367,000 and transfer is to the Sheriffs account. SECOND by Commissioner Phillips. The motion carried unanimously.

Open Public Comments and/or Questions:

Members of the public offering comment were:

- Terry Rasmussen
- Nancy Turner
- Roy Armstrong

Staff Comments:

None.

Commissioner Comments:

None.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 11:43 a.m.

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Rocky Ford, Chairman
Board of County Commissioners

ATTEST:

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James M. Swisher, Jr.
Clerk of Circuit Court