

Columbia County
Board of County Commissioners

Minutes of
May 20, 2021

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 Rocky Ford, Ronald Williams, Robert Hollingsworth, Toby Witt and Timothy Murphy

Others in Attendance: County Manager David Kraus ("CM")
Assistant County Manager Kevin Kirby ("ACM")
County Attorney Joel Foreman
Clerk of Court James M. Swisher, Jr.
Deputy Clerk Katrina Vercher

MOTION by Commissioner Williams to waive the rules and allow additions to the agenda. SECOND by Commissioner Hollingsworth. The motion carried by a vote of 3 to 2 with Commissioners Witt and Murphy voting in opposition.

Agenda Additions/Deletions

Additions:

- Tate Acres
- FDOT Road Project List
- Veterans Services

Deletions:

None

MOTION by Commissioner Williams to approve the agenda as amended. SECOND by Commissioner Hollingsworth. The motion carried by a vote of 4 to 1 with Commissioner Murphy voting in opposition.

Ministerial Matters

COVID-19 Vaccine Update

Dr. Thomas P. Moffses, Jr. gave the Board an update on the COVID-19 vaccine distribution and reported that the case numbers are going down.

MOTION by Commissioner Witt to authorize staff to draft an ordinance requiring owners to obtain LDR compliance certifications verified by the County building department prior to issuance of a septic tank permit. SECOND by Commissioner Murphy. The motion carried unanimously.

Tate Acres Subdivision

A request by the owner/developer of Tate Acres, Edward Tate, to vacate a portion of lots three (3) and four (4).

Crystal Constance spoke on behalf of Mr. Tate.

MOTION by Commissioner Williams to grant the request. SECOND by Commissioner Hollingsworth. The motion carried unanimously.

Bid No. 21-03 – County Road 342 West

Staff recommended awarding the bid to the sole bidder, Anderson Columbia Company, Inc. in the amount of \$1,031,191.28.

MOTION by Commissioner Witt to approve bid no. 21-03. SECOND by Commissioner Williams. The motion carried unanimously.

Emerald Lakes Subdivision MSBU

A request has been made for four (4) additional streetlights to be added to the Emerald Lakes Subdivision. In accordance with Ordinance 2020-07, to install the lights the board must waive the required vote and determine the streetlights directly benefits the safety and welfare of the residents and property owners and provides ascertainable benefit to structures and vacant land in Emerald Lakes MSBU.

MOTION by Commissioner Hollingsworth to waive the vote and approve the installation and assessment for four additional streetlights for the public safety and welfare of structures and vacant land in the Emerald Lakes Subdivision and approve the FP&L Lighting Agreement. SECOND by Commissioner Witt. The motion carried unanimously.

Road Reprioritization List – Florida Department of Transportation

At the workshop on May 19, 2021, ACM Kirby reported that he had a good meeting with the Florida Department of Transportation. Columbia County is in the top five for funding. He asked if this Board would like to resubmit the Road Prioritization List with the following roads in this order: