



COLUMBIA COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS AGENDA ITEM REQUEST FORM

The Board of County Commissioners meets the 1st and 3rd Thursday of each month at 5:30 p.m. in the Columbia County School Board Administrative Complex Auditorium, 372 West Duval Street, Lake City, Florida 32055. All agenda items are due in the Board's office one week prior to the meeting date.

Today's Date: 9/24/2020 Meeting Date: 10/1/2020

Name: John Crews Department: BCC Administration

Division Manager's Signature:

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Ben Scott".

1. Nature and purpose of agenda item:

Minutes - Regular Meeting - September 3, 2020

2. Recommended Motion/Action:

Approve Minutes

3. Fiscal impact on current budget.

This item has no effect on the current budget.

Columbia County
Board of County Commissioners

Minutes of
September 3, 2020

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 Toby Witt, Ronald Williams, Rocky Ford, Bucky Nash and Timothy Murphy

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

Agenda Additions/Deletions

There were no additions or deletions.

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

Ministerial Matters

Thomas Barritt, Director of Lake City Humane Society is retiring. He introduced his replacement, Robin Tobeck-Ford.

Building and Zoning Public Hearings:

Land Development Regulations ("LDR") Amendments

CPA 20 02-To amend the text of the Future Land Use Plan Map of the Comprehensive Plan by amending the mixed use district to missed use district – intermodal and to increase the maximum residential density. [Ordinance No. 2020-19]

The public hearing opened and close without comment.

MOTION by Commissioner Williams to approve Ordinance No. 2020-19. SECOND by Commissioner Murphy. The motion carried unanimously.

Final Rate Hearings:

Resolution No. 2020R – 29 – Spring Hollow Street Lighting Services Assessment

A Resolution re-imposing Spring Hollow Street Lighting Services Assessments against assessable property within the Columbia County Municipal Services Benefit Unit for the Fiscal Year beginning October 1, 2020. There were no rate changes.

The public hearing opened and closed without comment.

MOTION by Commissioner Williams to adopt Final Rate Resolution No. 2020R-29. SECOND by Commissioner Nash. The motion carried unanimously.

Resolution No. 2020R – 30 – Solid Waste Service Assessment

A Resolution re-imposing Solid Waste Assessments against assessable property within the Columbia County Municipal Services Benefit Unit for the Fiscal Year beginning October 1, 2020.

The public hearing opened and closed without comment.

MOTION by Commissioner Nash to adopt Final Rate Resolution No. 2020R-30. SECOND by Commissioner Ford. The motion carried unanimously.

Resolution No. 2020R – 31 – Pine Ridge Court Road Improvement Project

A Resolution re-imposing Pine Ridge Court Maintenance Services and Road Improvement Project Assessments against assessable property, pursuant to the Uniform Assessment Collection Act, for the Fiscal Year beginning October 1, 2020. There are no rate changes.

The public hearing opened and closed without comment.

MOTION by Commissioner Ford to adopt Final Rate Resolution No. 2020R-31. SECOND by Commissioner Williams. The motion carried unanimously.

Resolution No. 2020R – 32 – Fire Protection Services Assessment

A Resolution re-imposing Fire Protection Assessments against assessable property within the Columbia County Municipal Services Benefit Unit for the Fiscal Year beginning October 1, 2020. There were no rate changes.

The public hearing opened and closed without comment.

MOTION by Commissioner Murphy to adopt Resolution No. 2020R-32. SECOND by Commissioner Nash. The motion carried by a vote of 4 to 1 with Commissioner Williams voting in opposition.

Resolution No. 2020R – 33 – Emerald Lakes Street Lighting Services Assessment

A Resolution re-imposing Emerald Lakes Street Lighting Services Assessments against assessable property, pursuant to the Uniform Assessment Collection Act, for the Fiscal Year beginning October 1, 2020. There were no rate changes.

The public hearing opened and closed without comment.

MOTION by Commissioner Nash to adopt Final Rate Resolution No. 2020R-33. SECOND by Commissioner Ford. The motion carried unanimously.

Resolution No. 2020R – 34 – Carolyn Heights Street Lighting Services Assessment

A Resolution re-imposing Carolyn Heights Street Lighting Services Assessments against assessable property within the Columbia County Municipal Services Benefit Unit for the Fiscal Year beginning October 1, 2020. There were no rate changes.

The public hearing opened and closed without comment.

MOTION by Commissioner Williams to adopt Final Rate Resolution No. 2020R-34. SECOND by Commissioner Nash. The motion carried unanimously.

First Budget Hearings:

Millage Rate for Fiscal Year 2020-2021 – First Hearing

The first hearing was held to adopt the millage rate for the 2020-2021 Fiscal Year.

The public hearing opened.

Citizen Stewart Lilker offered comment.

The public hearing closed.

MOTION by Commissioner Nash to adopt and set a tentative millage rate at 8.015 mills for the 2020-2021 fiscal year, which is 2.87% higher than the rolled-back rate of 7.915 mills. SECOND by Commissioner Ford. The motion carried unanimously.

2020-2021 Fiscal Year Budget – First Hearing

CM Scott presented the tentative budget for the 2020-2021 Fiscal Year.

The public hearing opened.

Citizen Stewart Lilker offered comment.

The public hearing closed.

MOTION by Commissioner Murphy to adopt a tentative budget for the fiscal year 2020-2021, appropriations and reserves at \$135,997,541. SECOND by Commissioner Nash. The motion carried unanimously.

Consent Agenda:

MOTION by Commissioner Williams to approve the consent agenda. SECOND by Commissioner Ford. The motion carried unanimously.

- (1) BCC Administration - Columbia County Detention Facility Wastewater Improvements - Change Order No. 01 - \$12,216
- (2) BCC Administration - Cooperative Agreement - Medical Examiner Services - City of Jacksonville and Columbia County
- (3) BCC Administration - Annual Report & 2020/2021 Operating Plan - Florida Forest Service
- (4) BCC Administration - Minutes - Emergency Meeting - August 3, 2020
- (5) BCC Administration - Minutes - Emergency Meeting - August 17, 2020
- (6) BCC Administration - Minutes - Special Meeting - August 20, 2020
- (7) BCC Administration - Preliminary Estimate of Permanent Population
- (8) BCC Administration - SHIP Annual Report
- (9) BCC Administration - Resolution 2020R-35 - Authorizing the CDBG Application and Approving the Housing Assistance Plan and Authorizing Leverage Funding - \$50,000
- (10) BCC Administration - Budget Amendment BA 20-60 - Transfer of Funds from Sheriff's Special Revenues Fund for Body Cameras - \$160,500
- (11) Clerk to Board Finance - Approval of Bills and Vouchers Submitted August 19, 2020 - \$980,975
- (12) Library - BA 20-59 - E-Rate Reimbursement - \$5,582
- (13) Public Works - Utility Permit - SW Dortch and SW Hilliard - AT&T

MOTION by Commissioner Williams to adopt the consent agenda. SECOND by Commissioner Ford. The motion carried unanimously.

Discussion and Action Items:

Annexation

The City of Lake City requested allowing the annexing of the County owned Industrial Park on SR 100. This property is adjacent to the airport and would allow the City to annex the City owned airport property.

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

Water/Wastewater Service Delivery Structure

Staff recommended contracting with a consultant to review water/wastewater service delivery structure and make a recommendation for the most cost-effective delivery to be consistent with anticipated County growth and economic development strategies.

CM Scott presented the proposed Scope of Work and a proposed fee schedule.

Citizen Stewart Lilker offered comment.

MOTION by Commissioner Ford to approve the proposed Scope of Work and fee schedule in the amount of \$15,000. SECOND by Commissioner Nash. The motion carried unanimously.

SW Huntington Glen

SW Huntington Glen has reached a condition of concern for safety. Staff recommended this road be resurfaced at an estimated cost of \$118,654.

Citizen Stewart Lilker offered comment.

MOTION by Commissioner Nash to approve the resurfacing of SW Huntington Glen in the amount of \$118,654. SECOND by Commissioner Murphy. The motion carried unanimously.

Inmate Mowing – Alternative Options

The Florida Department of Corrections has terminated inmate work crews due to COVID-19. Staff estimated the cost if the County bids out the work.

The amounts below are based on the current Florida Department of Transportation contracts:

Locations	Cost
Landscape & Parks	\$ 94,500

Retention Ponds	\$120,316
Sidewalks	\$ 49,685
Guardrails	\$ 50,846
Urban Mowing	\$249,984
TOTAL	\$565.331

Discussion ensued.

Landfill Fees

Staff recommended charging by the cubic yard in order to be more competitive with surrounding facilities. The change should generate business.

MOTION by Commissioner Williams to direct staff to prepare a new landfill rate resolution moving from price per ton to price per cubic yard. SECOND by Commissioner Nash. The motion carried by a vote of 4 to 0 with Commissioner Ford abstaining.

Olustee Park

The City of Lake City and Columbia County have operated for decades as if the City owned Olustee Park, no such ownership record has been located.

In order to clear any question of ownership the City has requested that the County issue a Quit Claim Deed to the City of Lake City transferring ownership.

The Following Citizens spoke concerning moving the statute:

Danny Roberts	Stewart Lilker	Bruce Borders	Chad Davis
Lisa Waltrip	Luca Harvey	Ronald Tucker	Patrick Schwankoff
Joseph Hughes	Suzanna Wast	Tara Bailey	Vanessa George

MOTION by Commissioner Murphy to deny the City's request for a quit claim deed to the park. SECOND by Commissioner _____. The motion carried unanimously.

Subdivision Improvement Maintenance

Staff requested direction for the maintenance of retention ponds, drainage easements, and roads in platted subdivisions.

Discussion ensued.

Cedar Springs Shores

Staff recommended that the Board deed ownership of the lands listed as parks on the subdivision plat to each of the parcels that make up Cedar Springs Shores subdivision.

MOTION by Commissioner Ford to authorize the County Attorney to prepare quitclaim deed to convey all parcels within Cedar Springs Shores subdivision and identified by the Property Appraiser as belonging to Columbia County to all other parcels within Cedar Springs Shores subdivision. SECOND by Commissioner Murphy. The motion carried unanimously.

Open Public Comments and/or Questions:

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

The following persons commented on masks:

Tara Bailey	Remington Bailey	Jordan Morro	Josh Cohen
Jacob Cohen	Katie Curry	Sandra Smith	Dr. Jan Gurney
Zachary Keen	Rusty Bailey		

Terrance Walker and Patrick Schwankoff – Private Roads

Staff Comments:

CM Scott – emails about Olustee Park

Commissioner Comments:

Commissioner Murphy – CARES money for local businesses

Adjournment

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

ATTEST:

Toby Witt, Chairman
Board of County Commissioners

James M. Swisher, Jr.
Clerk of Circuit Court

