



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: 3/12/2021 Meeting Date: 3/18/2021

Name: John Crews Department: BCC Administration

Division Manager's Signature:

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "John Crews", is written over a light blue circular stamp.

1. Nature and purpose of agenda item:

Minutes - Regular Meeting - March 4, 2021

2. Recommended Motion/Action:

Approve

3. Fiscal impact on current budget.

This item has no effect on the current budget.

Columbia County
Board of County Commissioners

Minutes of
March 4, 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

Agenda Additions/Deletions

Additions:

- 1) Limited English Proficiency Plan
- 2) Florida Association of Counties Legislative Day

Deletions:

None

MOTION by Commissioner Williams to approve the agenda as amended.
SECOND by Commissioner Witt. The motion carried unanimously.

Ministerial Matters

COVID-19 Vaccine Update

Dr. Thomas P. Moffses, Jr. gave the Board an update on the COVID-19 vaccine distribution and

Proclamation No. 2021P-03 – Red Cross Month

In honor of the 140th Anniversary of the American Red Cross, the Board issued a Proclamation proclaiming March 2021 as Red Cross month in Columbia County Florida.

MOTION by Commissioner Williams to adopt Proclamation No. 2021P-03.
SECOND by Commissioner Murphy. The motion carried unanimously.

Public Hearings

Community Development Block Grant – Economic Development Project (“CDBG-ED”) – First Public Hearing

This public hearing was to seek citizen comments on the need for the grant to benefit low to moderate individuals through job creation.

The public hearing opened and closed without comment.

Staff is proposing a project at HAECO.

MOTION by Commissioner Murphy to approve a CDBG-ED Grant application for \$1,500,000. SECOND by Commissioner Hollingsworth. The motion carried unanimously.

Community Development Block Grant – COVID (“CDBG-CV”) – First Public Hearing

This public hearing was to seek citizen comments regarding COVID related needs.

The public hearing opened and closed without comment.

Staff proposed Project Panther, a private business that produces personal protection equipment.

MOTION by Commissioner Williams to approve a CDBG-CV Grant pre-application process. SECOND by Commissioner Witt. The motion carried unanimously.

Community Development Block Grant Program (“CDBG”) Workshop

A public Fair Housing Workshop was held to educate the public concerning the Equal Housing Opportunity Fair Housing Act.

Consent Agenda:

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

- (1) BCC Administration - Minutes - Workshop - February 18, 2021
- (2) BCC Administration - Minutes - Regular Meeting - February 18, 2021
- (3) BCC Administration - SHIP - Release of Lien - Fabio Silva

- (4) Building and Zoning - Special Family Lot Permit Application - SFLP 21 05 - David and Luwinda Dobbins Deeding 4.82 Acres to David's Parents, Malcom and Sarah Dobbins
- (5) Building and Zoning - Special Family Lot Permit Application - SFLP 21 06 - Scott Nickelson Deeding 2.5 Acres to his Dad, Dale Nickelson
- (6) Finance - Bills and Vouchers - February 2, 2021 - February 8, 2021 - \$3,813,625
- (7) Finance - Bills and Vouchers February 17, 2021 - \$4,689,181
- (8) Finance - Bills and Vouchers - February 18, 2021 - \$577,318
- (9) Parks and Landscaping - BA 21-28 - Fence Installation - Westside Community Center - \$10,000
- (10) Public Works - Permission to Enter Private Property - SW Sparrow Terrace
- (11) Public Works - Utility Permit - AT&T - County Road 242
- (12) Public Works - Utility Permit - Comcast - NE Bascom Norris Road
- (13) Purchasing - Asset Disposal - Tax Collector's Office

MOTION by Commissioner Witt to adopt the consent agenda.
SECOND by Commissioner Murphy. The motion carried unanimously.

Discussion and Action Items:

Economic Development

Columbia County Economic Development has been awarded \$24,900 from Enterprise Florida Inc. ("EFI") for the planning, design work and environmental surveys for the Bell Road Distribution Corridor.

MOTION by Commissioner Witt to approve the award agreement with EFI.
SECOND by Commissioner Hollingsworth. The motion carried unanimously.

Project 2021-01 – Bell Road Wetland Mitigation Planting Plan

Staff has determined all bid submissions are not responsive. Per the Purchasing Policy, this project is under the limit that require sealed bids. Therefore, at the Board's discretion, Staff can move forward with a re-advertising process or rejecting all bids and obtaining quotes. Staff recommended rejecting all bids and obtaining three quotes.

MOTION by Commissioner Williams to reject all bids and obtain three quotes. SECOND by Commissioner Murphy. The motion carried unanimously.

County Industrial Park Annexation

The Board would like to rescind the action of September 3, 2020 approving the City of Lake City's request to annex the County owned Industrial Park located on State Road 100.

Citizen Stewart Lilker asked a question, County Attorney Foreman responded.

MOTION by Commissioner Hollingsworth to rescind the action of September 3, 2020 approving the City of Lake City's request to annex the County owned Industrial Park located on State Road 100. SECOND by Commissioner Witt. The motion carried unanimously.

North Florida Mega Industrial Park Wastewater Treatment Plant Agreement

In order to qualify for a Consumptive Use Permit ("CUP") the County must demonstrate its recharge capacity. A substantial element of that capability can be demonstrated through the County's operation of the Waste Water Treatment Plant at the Mega Park.

Citizen Stewart Lilker asked a question, County Attorney Foreman responded.

MOTION by Commissioner Murphy to terminate the Interlocal Agreement between the City of Lake City and Columbia County for the Construction of a Wastewater Treatment Facility and Collection System and direct the County Attorney to inform the City of Lake City of the Board's decision. SECOND by Commissioner Witt. The motion carried unanimously.

Limited English Proficiency Plan ("LEP") - Florida Department of Transportation ("FDOT")

As a recipient of federal funds, Columbia County must have a LEP filed with FDOT.

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

Florida Association of Counties Legislative Day – March 17, 2021

Due to COVID several of the planned activities have been canceled; there was discussion on the Boards plans for that day.

Open Public Comments and/or Questions:

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

Citizen Stewart Lilker – back pay for CM Kraus.

Commissioner Ford stated that it has always been his intention that if Mr. Kraus became the new county manager he receive back pay from the time that he started as interim county manager.

MOTION by Commissioner Williams to make it so. SECOND by Commissioner Murphy. The motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Comments:

Commissioner Williams – comprehensive land use plan – Citizen Frank Davis reached out to him for help with zoning.

Citizen Davis addressed the Board.

Open Public Comments and/or Questions:

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

Glenel Bowdin and Sylvester Warren – City and County utility issue

Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

ATTEST:

Rocky Ford, Chairman
Board of County Commissioners

James M. Swisher, Jr.
Clerk of Circuit Court

