



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: 9/10/2021 Meeting Date: 9/16/2021

Name: Tim Murphy Department: Commissioner District 5

Division Manager's Signature:

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1. Nature and purpose of agenda item:

Resolution 2021R-36, if approved, will reflect the Board's certification that the improvements proposed to be made at the Florida Gateway Fairgrounds will serve a public purpose. This is required by Chapter 288 FS before an application for funding can be considered by the Dept. of Agriculture.

2. Recommended Motion/Action:

To adopt Resolution 2021R-36

3. Fiscal impact on current budget.

This item has no effect on the current budget.

**COLUMBIA COUNTY, FLORIDA
RESOLUTION NUMBER 2021R-36**

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS FOR COLUMBIA COUNTY, FLORIDA, DETERMINING A PUBLIC PURPOSE IN SUPPORT OF AN AGRICULTURE EDUCATION AND PROMOTION FACILITY REQUEST FOR FUNDING MADE BY COLUMBIA COUNTY RESOURCES, INC., DBA FLORIDA GATEWAY FAIRGROUNDS FOR CONSTRUCTION OF IMPROVEMENTS TO AGRICULTURAL EXPOSITION AREAS AND RODEO ARENA

WHEREAS, Columbia County Resources, Inc., doing business as Florida Gateway Fairgrounds, a Florida not-for-profit corporation, intends to make application to the Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services for an Agriculture Education and Promotion Facility funding grant to make improvements to the rodeo arena and agricultural exposition areas located at the fairgrounds it operates;

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners is the governing body of Columbia County, Florida, and the improvements proposed to be made with the requested funds are or will be situated within unincorporated Columbia County, Florida;

WHEREAS, to obtain certification from the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services that the proposed improvements constitute an “agriculture education and promotion facility”, Florida Statutes section 288.1175(4)(c) requires that if the facility is located in an unincorporated area the county must certify by resolution after a public hearing that the proposed agriculture education and promotion facility serves a public purpose; and

WHEREAS, a public hearing was held on September 16, 2021 following a presentation of the proposed improvements and the Board of County Commissioners has concluded that the improvements, if made, will serve a public purpose.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF COLUMBIA COUNTY, FLORIDA, AS FOLLOWS

1. The recitals above are true and correct and are incorporated herein.
2. The Board of County Commissioners for Columbia County, Florida, having considered a presentation detailing the proposed improvements to the rodeo arena and expanded agriculture exposition areas, and having conducted a public hearing for the consideration of whether said improvements will serve a public purpose, certifies that such improvements will serve a public purpose to the State of Florida, Columbia County, and our citizens.

PASSED AND ADOPTED in its regular session held on the 16th day of September 2021.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
COLUMBIA COUNTY, FLORIDA

Rocky Ford, Chair

ATTEST: _____
James M. Swisher, Jr., Clerk

Approved as to form and legality:

Joel F. Foreman, County Attorney