



COLUMBIA COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS AGENDA ITEM REQUEST FORM

The Board of County Commissioners meets the 1st and 3rd Thursday of each month in the Columbia County School Board Administrative Complex Auditorium, 372 West Duval Street, Lake City, Florida 32055. The first meeting of every month is at 9:30AM while the second meeting of every month takes place at 5:30PM. All agenda items are due in the Board's office one week prior to the meeting date.

Today's Date: 11/20/2023 Meeting Date: 12/7/2023

Name: Ellen Snyder Department: BCC Administration

1. Nature and purpose of agenda item:

Meeting Minutes 11/16/2023

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
November 16, 2023

The Columbia County Board of County Commissioners met in a regular scheduled meeting in the auditorium of the School Board Administrative Complex at 5:30 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, Everett Phillips and Ronald Williams

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

Agenda Additions/Deletions

Additions:

Deletions:

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

Presentations

- 1) BA 21-11 – United Way Presentation – Requesting Budgeted Funds from Fiscal Year 2022-2023 - \$20,000

The United Way of Suwannee Valley did not receive their funding from the FY 2022-2023 fiscal year. They are requesting the Board roll over the unspent \$20,000 from FY 2022-2023 into the current fiscal year.

MOTION by Commissioner Williams to approve BA 21-11. SECOND by Commissioner Hollingsworth. The motion carried unanimously.

- 2) Mark Cook – Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints

3) Lake City Columbia County Historical Museum

Sean McMan requested the Board of County Commissioner to donate the storage building directly across from the museum.

Commissioner Murphy mentioned that he is fully willing to donate the storage building to the Lake City museum.

Public Hearing

Louie Goodin, Community Development Coordinator

1) Ordinance No. 2023-16 – Public Hearing on Z-0616

An Ordinance of Columbia county, Florida, amending ordinance no. 98-1, the Columbia county land development regulations, as amended; relating to an amendment to the text of the Columbia county land development regulations, pursuant to an application, z-0616, by the property owner of said acreage; providing for the rezoning from agriculture (a-3) to commercial intensive (ci) of certain lands within the unincorporated areas of Columbia county, Florida; providing severability; repealing all ordinances; and providing an effective date.

The public hearing opened.

Teresa Brannon offered comment.

The public hearing closed.

MOTION by Commissioner Phillips to adopt Ordinance No. 2023-16. SECOND by Commissioner Williams. The motion carried unanimously.

2) Ordinance No. 2023-17 - Public Hearing on CPA 0250

An Ordinance of Columbia county, Florida, amending ordinance no. 91- 6, the Columbia county comprehensive plan, as amended, relating to an amendment to the text of the Columbia county comprehensive plan, pursuant to an application, CPA 0250, by the board of county commissioners, under the amendment procedures established in sections 163.3161 through 163.3248, Florida statutes, as amended; amending goal 1 and policy i.1.3 of the future land use element of the comprehensive plan; providing severability; repealing all ordinances in conflict; and providing an effective date

The public hearing opened and closed with no public comment.

MOTION by Commissioner Phillips to adopt Ordinance No. 2023-17. SECOND by Commissioner Murphy. The motion carried unanimously.

3) Ordinance No. 2023-18 – Public Hearing for Z-0617

An Ordinance of Columbia county, Florida, amending ordinance no. 98-1, the Columbia county land development regulations, as amended; relating to an amendment to the text of the Columbia county land development regulations, pursuant to an application, z-0617, by the property owner of said acreage; providing for the rezoning from rural residential (rr) to residential single family/2 (rsf-2) of certain lands within the unincorporated areas of Columbia county, Florida; providing severability; repealing all ordinances; and providing an effective date.

The public hearing opened and closed with no public comment.

MOTION by Commissioner Ford to adopt Ordinance No. 2023-18. SECOND by Commissioner Phillips. The motion carried unanimously.

4) Ordinance No. 2023-19 – Public Hearing on CPA 0251

An Ordinance of Columbia county, Florida, amending ordinance no. 91- 6, the Columbia county comprehensive plan, as amended, relating to an amendment to the text of the Columbia county comprehensive plan under the amendment procedures established in sections 163.3161 through 163.3248, Florida statutes, as amended; providing for changing future land use element classification from residential very low density to residential low density of certain lands within the unincorporated areas of Columbia county, Florida; providing severability; repealing all Ordinances in conflict; and providing an effective date.

The public hearing opened and closed with no public comment.

MOTION by Commissioner Hollingsworth to adopt Ordinance No. 2023-19. SECOND by Commissioner Phillips. The motion carried unanimously.

David Kraus, County Manager

5) Resolution 2023R-66 – Establishing Water and Sewer Monthly Service Charges, Restating Other Utility Charges and Proving an Effective Date

This was a Public Hearing to adopt Resolution 2023R-66 that establishes water and sewer rates. On 9/21/2023, the Board authorized staff to send out notices with the October utility bills outlining proposed adjustments to the water and sewer rates. Notices were sent to the Fort White water customers about the rate increase approved by the Town of Fort White. Notices were sent to the Ellisville customers proposing new sewer rates and setting a Public Hearing for November 16, 2023. The Resolution sets new sewer rates for Ellisville and Restates all other utility charges.

The public hearing opened and closed with no public comment.

MOTION by Commissioner Phillips to approve Resolution 2023R-66. SECOND by Commissioner Williams. The motion carried unanimously.

Joel Foreman, County Attorney

- 6) Resolution 2023R-64 - A Resolution Vacating, Abandoning and Discontinuing a Public Road - Unimproved and Unopened Portions of Hart Street, Snowden Street, and an Unnamed County Road. District 1, Commissioner Williams

Resolution 2023R-64 - a resolution vacating, abandoning and discontinuing a public road - Unimproved and unopened portions of Hart Street, Snowden Street, and an unnamed County road. District 1

The public hearing opened and closed with no public comment.

MOTION by Commissioner Williams to approve Resolution 2023R-64. SECOND by Commissioner Murphy. The motion carried unanimously.

Consent Agenda:

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

- 1) BCC Administration - SHIP - Resolution No. 2023R-65 - LHAP Agreement Revision
- 2) BCC Finance - BA 23-75 - Clerk's Records Storage - \$11,738
- 3) BCC Finance - BA 23-76 - Sheriff Equipment from Federal Forfeiture Funds - \$39,961
- 4) BCC Finance - BA 24-10 - Amendment to Sheriff's Office Budget - School Resource Officer Contract - \$104,342.00
- 5) BCC Finance - Bills and Vouchers - 10/31/23 - \$1,500
- 6) BCC Finance - Bills and Vouchers - 11/6/23 - \$62,625
- 7) BCC Finance - Bills and Vouchers - 11/08/ 23 - \$4,741,613

- 8) 9-1-1 Communications Center - Apply for State E911 Grant for GIS Boundary Assessment - DATAMARK - \$29,000.00.
- 9) Fire Department - Resolution No. 2023R-63 - Accepting EMS Grant Allocations
- 10) Human Resources - Unpaid Leave Request - S. Sikes
- 11) Information Technology - New Private Road Name Request - SW Amanda Glen
- 12) Information Technology - New Private Road Name - NW Audrey Frank Ct.
- 13) Information Technology - New Private Road Name - SW Tony Carmen Gln.
- 14) Public Works - Permission to Enter Private Property
- 15) Public Works - Rum Island Improvements - SRWMD Conceptual Projects Grant
- 16) Purchasing - Asset Disposal Request

MOTION by Commissioner Williams to adopt the consent agenda as amended.
SECOND by Commissioner Phillips. The motion carried unanimously.

Discussion and Action Items

Kevin Kirby, Assistant County Manager

1) Ft. White Municipal SCOP Projects

Staff requested permission to follow through with the above projects regardless of the controversy between the Town of Ft. White and the County.

MOTION by Commissioner Ford to approve finishing projects. SECOND by Commissioner Murphy. The motion carried unanimously.

2) Appropriations from Ellisville Interchange Improvements

Staff requested permission after the fact based on time sensitivity to apply for appropriations for the Ellisville Interchange Improvements.

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

Robby Hollingsworth, Commissioner

3) Request to Permit Operation of Golf Carts – Rolling Oaks Subdivision

Staff requested Hearing - Amending Chapter 114, Article I of The County Code of Ordinances to Add Rolling Oaks Subdivision to The List of County Roads upon Which Operation of Golf Carts Is Permitted.

MOTION by Commissioner Hollingsworth to set an adoption hearing in the second meeting of December. SECOND by Commissioner Murphy. The motion carried unanimously.

David Kraus, County Manager

4) BA 23-77 - Budget for Additional Road Debt Service - \$114,755

MOTION by Commissioner Williams to approve BA 23-77. SECOND by Commissioner Hollingsworth. The motion carried unanimously.

5) Memorandum of Agreement to Re-designate the North Central Rural Area of Opportunity

On June 16, 2023, Governor Ron DeSantis issued Executive Order Number 23-132, which re-designated the North Central Rural Area of Opportunity for another five-year term with an expiration date of June 11, 2028. This RAO Designation is contingent upon the county entering into this Memorandum of Understanding. The RAO designation is needed for economic development efforts.

MOTION by Commissioner Murphy to approve Memorandum of Agreement of Re-Designation the North Central Rural Area of Opportunity. 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
- Salita Gaskin
- Befaithful Coker and Michael Coker
- Stew Lilker
- Sheriff Mark Hunter
- Ken Boche
- Carl Keen

- Ben Lobster

Staff Comments:

Commissioner Comments:

Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:05 p.m.

ATTEST:

Rocky Ford, Chairman
Board of County Commissioners

James M. Swisher, Jr.
Clerk of Circuit Court