



## 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: 3/1/2024 Meeting Date: 3/7/2024

Department: BCC Administration

### 1. Nature and purpose of agenda item:

Meeting Minutes - January 18, 2024 - Regular Meeting

### 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**

**January 18<sup>th</sup> 2024**

**5:30 PM**

The Columbia County Board of County Commissioners met in a regular scheduled meeting held in the auditorium of the School Board Administrative Complex. The meeting opened with an Invocation by Chairman Ronald Williams and Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America followed.

**Commissioners in Attendance:** Chairman, Ronald Williams

Commissioner, Timothy Murphy

Commissioner, Robby Hollingsworth

Commissioner, Everett Phillips

Commissioner, Rocky Ford

**Others in Attendance:**

County Manager David Kraus (“CM”)

Assistant County Manager Kevin Kirby (“ACM”)

County Attorney Joel Foreman

Clerk of the Courts James M. Swisher, Jr

Columbia County Sheriff Mark Hunter

Deputy Clerk Susan Heimer

Deputy Clerk Amber Taylor

Meeting called to order by Chairman Williams at 5:36 pm

**Agenda Additions/Deletions:** (CM) David Kraus noted that an addition be added. Mr. Kraus notified the board that there is currently a vacancy on the Tourist Development Council that needs to be filled. Position is to be filled by Ketna Patel, per Florida Statute 125.0104 was referenced.

**Motion** by Commissioner Hollingsworth to approve the agenda as amended. The motion was **seconded** by Commissioner Phillips. The motion then carried unanimously.

**Presentation:**

James Swisher, Clerk of Courts gave presentation regarding free program, the Property Fraud Alert Program, offered by the clerk of court to property owners of Columbia County. This program has been put forth in an effort to spread awareness and prevent fraudulent schemes affecting property owners of Columbia County. This program is accessible to property owners, through the [www.Columbiaclerk.com](http://www.Columbiaclerk.com). Each citizen can register up to 5 family members, per registration.

**Consent Agenda:**

**Motion to Approve Consent Agenda:** Moved by Commissioner Phillips. Motion **second** by Commissioner Hollingsworth. The motion carried unanimously. See attached.

- 1) BCC Administration – BA 24-40 – Fleet Lease Payments
- 2) BCC Finance – Bills and Vouchers – 1/04/2024 -\$775,363
- 3) Public Works – Utility Permit – City of Lake City Requesting installation of main gas line along South East Forrest Law Way.

**Motion to Adopt the Consent Agenda:** by Commissioner Hollingsworth to adopt the consent agenda. **Second** by Commissioner Murphy. The motion carried unanimously.

**Discussion and Action Items:**

**County Attorney, Joel Foreman**

- 1) Request for adoption hearing to consider an ordinance amending Chapter 62 of the County Code of Ordinances. Specifically, to discuss an ordinance to eliminate the county level Corrections Committee for the Public Safety Coordinating Council.

**Motion** by Commissioner Murphy to set an adoption hearing for an ordinance to repeal 62-104 of the County Code of Ordinances for February 15, 2024. **Second** by Commissioner Phillips. The motion carried unanimously.

- 2) Request for adoption hearing/ordinance amending Section 74-82 relating to prohibited residences of sexual offenders and sexual predators, per request of the Columbia County Sheriff Mark Hunter.

**Kevin Kirby, Assistant County Manager**

- 1) Bid No. 2023-09 Westwood Acres Subdivision. C.A.Boone Construction for \$215,300.00

**Motion** by Commissioner Hollingsworth to award bid No. 2023-09 to C.A. Boone Construction for the total amount of \$215,300 and to approve the agreement. **Second** by Commissioner Phillips. The motion carried unanimously.

- 2) Bid No. 2023-10 NW Leonia Way, NW Queen Road, NW Chambria Way and NW Winfield Street –Anderson Columbia \$3,894,885.29

**Motion** by Commissioner Ford to award bid No 2023-10 to Anderson Columbia for the total bid amount of \$3,894,885.29. **Second** by Commissioner Phillips. The motion passed unanimously.

**David Kraus, County Manager**

- 1) Rural Infrastructure Fund Hurricane Idalia Impacted Communities Application

**Motion** by Commissioner Phillips to authorize Columbia County Economic Development to submit a Rural Infrastructure Fund - Hurricane Idalia grant application for \$900,000.00 to replace the roof in the hanger 0 at the Lake City Gateway Airport. **Second** by Commissioner Hollingsworth. The motion carried unanimously.

- 2) Budget Amendment 24-19 Sheriff Detention Facility return of insurance proceeds to replace 2009 van for \$59,300.67

**Motion** by Commissioner Ford to approve Budget Amendment 24-19. **Second** by Commissioner Phillips. The motion carried unanimously.

- 3) Resolution 2024-01 Amending Resolution 2023R-72 to include Firefighters not receiving state funded bonus.

**Motion** by Commissioner Ford to approve resolution 2024R-01. **Second** by Commissioner Murphy, The motion carried unanimously. See attached resolution.

- 4) North Florida Speedway Event request to hold an event on Thursday, January 25, 2024.

**Motion** by Commissioner Phillips to approve North Florida Speedway Event request for Thursday January 25, 2024 to have practice in preparation for scheduled event to follow. **Second** by Commissioner Ford. The motion is carried unanimously.

**Open Public Comments and or Questions:**

Anthony Davis - Citizen Expressed concern with the EMS response time in Columbia County.

(CM) Kraus assured board that he is meeting with Century Ambulatory Services to obtain bid specifications to help address this issue.

Discussion ensued.

Jeff Crawford- Columbia County Fire Chief offered rebuttal as well

Discussion ensued.

Commissioner Ford suggested obtaining comparable information from surrounding counties as to creation of revenue via transfer services versus emergency response calls.

Citizen - Sylvester Warren offered comments on topic of concerns raised by Mr. Davis.

Discussion ensued.

**Staff Comments:** None

**Commissioner Comments:** None.

**Adjournment:**

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:39PM.

Attest:

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Ronald Williams, Chairman  
Board of County Commissioners

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James M. Swisher, Jr  
Clerk of Circuit Court