



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: 5/3/2024 Meeting Date: 7/18/2024

Department: BCC Administration

1. Nature and purpose of agenda item:

Notice of Intent for Uniform method of Collection. The last publication does not run until July 17th and will be uploaded as additional documentation on the website.

2. Recommended Motion/Action:

Approve

3. Fiscal impact on current budget.

This item has no effect on the current budget.

Appendix A

FORM OF RESOLUTION

RESOLUTION NO.2024R-10

**A RESOLUTION OF COLUMBIA COUNTY, FLORIDA
ELECTING TO USE THE UNIFORM METHOD OF
COLLECTING NON-AD VALOREM SPECIAL
ASSESSMENTS LEVIED WITHIN THE
UNINCORPORATED AND INCORPORATED AREAS OF
COLUMBIA COUNTY, FLORIDA; STATING A NEED FOR
SUCH LEVY; PROVIDING FOR THE MAILING OF THIS
RESOLUTION; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE
DATE.**

WHEREAS, Columbia County, Florida (the "County") is contemplating the imposition of special assessments for the provision of county services, facilities and programs, including but not limited to, fire protection, roadways and sidewalks, solid waste collection and disposal, street lighting, utilities, and stormwater; and

WHEREAS, the County intends to use the uniform method for collecting non-ad valorem special assessments for the cost of providing these services, facilities and programs within the unincorporated and incorporated areas of the County as authorized by section 197.3632, Florida Statutes, as amended, because this method will allow such special assessments to be collected annually commencing in November 2025, in the same manner as provided for ad valorem taxes; and

WHEREAS, the County held a duly advertised public hearing prior to the adoption of this Resolution, proof of publication of such hearing being attached hereto as Exhibit A.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

1. Commencing with the Fiscal Year beginning on October 1, 2025, and with the tax statement mailed for such Fiscal Year and continuing until discontinued by the County, the County intends to use the uniform method of collecting non-ad valorem assessments authorized in section 197.3632, Florida Statutes, as amended, for collecting non-ad valorem assessments for the cost of providing county services, facilities and programs, including but not limited to, fire protection, roadways and sidewalks, solid waste collection and disposal, street lighting, utilities, and stormwater. Such non-ad valorem assessments shall be levied within the unincorporated area of the County and all incorporated areas of the Town of Fort White and City of Lake City. A legal description of such area subject to the assessments is attached hereto as Exhibit B and incorporated by reference.

2. The County hereby determines that the levy of the special assessments is needed to fund the cost of providing county services, facilities and programs, including but not limited to, fire protection, roadways and sidewalks, solid waste collection and

disposal, street lighting, utilities, and stormwater, throughout the unincorporated area of the County and the incorporated areas of Fort White and Lake City.

3. Upon adoption, the County Clerk is hereby directed to send a copy of this Resolution by United States mail to the Florida Department of Revenue, the Columbia County Tax Collector, and the Columbia County Property Appraiser by January 10, 2025.

4. This Resolution shall be effective upon adoption.

DULY ADOPTED this _____ day of July, 2024.

Columbia County, Florida

Ronald Williams, Chairman

(SEAL)

Attest:

James M. Swisher, Jr., Clerk of Court

EXHIBIT A

PROOF OF PUBLICATION

[INSERT PROOF OF PUBLICATION]

EXHIBIT B

LEGAL DESCRIPTION

All properties lying within Columbia County as more particularly described in Section 7.12, Florida Statutes, as follows: Beginning at the mouth of the Ichetucknee River where it enters the Santa Fe River; thence up the thread of the said Ichetucknee River to Ichetucknee Spring; thence north on the range line dividing ranges fifteen and sixteen east to the section line dividing sections one and twelve and sections two and eleven, township six south, range fifteen east; thence west on said section line to the southwest corner of section two, township six south, range fifteen east; thence north on the section line dividing sections two and three, township six south, range fifteen east, across townships six, five, four, three, and two south, to the thread of the Suwannee River; thence northeast up the thread of said river to the Georgia line; thence along said line to the range line dividing ranges eighteen and nineteen east; thence south on said range line to Olustee Creek; thence southerly down the thread of said creek to the Santa Fe River; thence southwesterly and northwesterly down the thread of said river to its southernmost intersection with the east line of section two, township seven south, range seventeen east; thence south along the east line of said section two to the northeast corner of section eleven, township seven south, range seventeen east; thence south along the east line of said section eleven to the northeast corner of government lot four in said section eleven; thence west along the north line of said government lot four to its northwest corner; thence south along the west line of said government lot four to its southwest corner; thence west along the north line of section fourteen, township seven south, range seventeen east to the northwest corner of said section fourteen; thence south along the west line of said section fourteen to its southwest corner; thence east along the south line of said section fourteen to the thread of the Santa Fe River; thence south and west along the thread of the Santa Fe River to the point of beginning.

Appendix B

FORM OF PUBLISHED NOTICE

**NOTICE OF INTENT TO USE UNIFORM METHOD OF COLLECTING
NON-AD VALOREM ASSESSMENTS**

Columbia County, Florida (the "County") hereby provides notice, pursuant to section 197.3632, Florida Statutes, of its intent to use the uniform method of collecting non-ad valorem special assessments throughout the unincorporated area of the County and the incorporated areas of Fort White and Lake City for the cost of providing county services, facilities and programs, including but not limited to, fire protection, roadways and sidewalks, solid waste collection and disposal, street lighting, utilities, and stormwater, commencing with the Fiscal Year beginning on October 1, 2025 and continuing until discontinued by the County. The County will consider the adoption of a resolution electing to use the uniform method of collecting such assessments authorized by section 197.3632, Florida Statutes, at a public hearing to be held at 5:30 p.m. on July 18, 2024, in the School Board Administration Complex Auditorium, 372 West Duval Street, Lake City, Florida. Such resolution will state the need for the levy and will contain a legal description of the boundaries of the real property subject to the levy. Copies of the proposed form of resolution, which contains the legal description of the real property subject to the levy, are on file at the Office of the County Manager in the Columbia County Courthouse located at 135 N.E. Hernando Avenue, Lake City, Florida between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday

In the event any person decides to appeal any decision by the County with respect to any matter relating to the consideration of the resolution at the above-referenced public hearing, a record of the proceeding may be needed and in such an event, such person may need to ensure that a verbatim record of the public hearing is made, which record includes the testimony and evidence on which the appeal is to be based. In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, persons needing a special accommodation or an interpreter to participate in this proceeding should contact the County at (386)758-1005 or Telecommunications Device for the Deaf at (386) 758-2139, at least two (2) business days prior to the date of the hearing.

DATED this ____ day of _____, 2024.

By Order of:

COLUMBIA COUNTY, FLORIDA

Publish in a newspaper of general circulation during the weeks of:

June 20-26, 2024

June 27-July 3, 2024

July 4-10, 2024

July 11-17, 2024