



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: 3/4/2025 Meeting Date: 4/3/2025

Department: BCC Administration

1. Nature and purpose of agenda item:

Proclamation No. 2025P-07 - Public Safety Telecommunicator Week - April 13-19, 2025

2. Recommended Motion/Action:

Approve Proclamation No. 2025P-07

3. Fiscal impact on current budget.

This item has no effect on the current budget.

PROCLAMATION NO. 2025P-07

A PROCLAMATION TO DESIGNATE APRIL 13-19, 2025

PUBLIC SAFETY TELECOMMUNICATOR’S WEEK

WHEREAS, each day, millions of Americans dial 9-1-1 for help in emergencies ranging from house fires and automobile accidents to heart attacks, poisonings, and missing children. The men and women who answer these calls for help, gathering essential information and dispatching the appropriate response, can make the difference between life and death and property loss for persons in need. Columbia County Combined Communication Center 9-1-1 dispatchers are among the more than 500,000 telecommunications specialists nationwide, who work daily to protect and to promote public safety; and

WHEREAS, Public Safety Telecommunicators are more than a calm and reassuring voice on the other end of the phone—they are knowledgeable and skilled individuals who work closely with police, fire, and medical personnel. They coordinate and manage vital communications during emergencies in areas such as highway safety, road maintenance, woodland preservation, public utilities, rail and air traffic, plus other services that affect the health and safety of our citizens. Because emergencies occur around the clock, we rely on the vigilance and the preparedness of these individuals 24 hours a day, 365 days a year; and

WHEREAS, the mission of the employees of the Columbia County 9-1-1 Communication Center is to serve the citizens of Columbia County and their public safety organizations, through the efficient and effective operation of Enhanced 9-1-1 and public safety land mobile radio systems by providing a timely and quality emergency response capability to those we serve; and

WHEREAS, the Columbia County 9-1-1 Communication Center processed emergency and non-emergency calls through the year, dispatching Sheriff’s Office deputies, Columbia County Fire Rescue, and Emergency Medical Services to requests for service within the roughly eight-hundred square miles comprising Columbia County; now, therefore, be it

PROCLAIMED, by the Columbia County Board of County Commissioners this 3rd day of April 2025, that the Columbia County Board of County Commissioners designates the week of April 13-19, 2025 as Public Safety Telecommunicators Week; and, be it

PROCLAIMED FURTHER, that the Columbia County Board of County Commissioners authorizes the issuance of a proclamation in observance of this week; and, be it

PROCLAIMED FINALLY, That the Columbia County Board of County Commissioners invites all citizens to observe this week in honor of all the Telecommunicators, who ANSWER THE CALL and help to protect our health and safety.

ATTEST:

BY:

James M. Swisher, Jr., Clerk of Court

Tim Murphy, Chairman