

MINUTES of
August 20, 2009

The Columbia County Board of County Commissioners met in a scheduled meeting at the School Board Administration Office. The meeting opened at 7:00 p.m. with prayer. The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America followed.

Commissioners in Attendance:

Stephen Bailey, Chairman
Ronald Williams (late arrival 7:25 p.m.)
Dewey Weaver
Jody Dupree
Scarlet Frisina

Others in Attendance:

County Manager Dale Williams
Attorney Marlin Feagle
Deputy Clerk Sandy Markham
BCC Secretary Penny Stanley

Public Input.

Citizen Barbara Lemley asked why funds generated through special assessments are wasted on indigent property owners when the county could file a lien and collect the money at a later date. The County Manager explained it was a policy decision made by the Board in 1987, which was when Non Advalorem Assessments were first levied. It is also the decision of the Board that liens not be pursued on those indigent properties, primarily due to the cost of pursuing the lien vs. the return. The loss is made up with the General Revenue funds as the loss cannot be passed on to other non advalorem payers.

Fort White Girl's Softball Association. Association President Rodney Cole presented the Board with a trophy, and he expressed appreciation for the Board's past support of the association.

Ichetucknee/South Columbia Volunteer Fire Department. Attorney Feagle presented a proposed agreement for the Board's review, which addresses the transfer of real property and the operation of Fire and Rescue Services. This is a three party agreement between Columbia County, the town of Fort White, and Ichetucknee/South Columbia Volunteer Fire Department. If approved by the Commission, the agreement will need to be forwarded to the other two parties for their consideration and approval. Attorney Feagle briefly reviewed the agreement.

MOTION by Commissioner Weaver to approve the agreement and forward it to the other parties. Second by Commissioner Frisina. The motion carried unanimously (4-0).

Consent Agenda.

The public called for clarification on item #9. The County Manager offered additional information.

The County Manager commented on the following items prior to approval:

Items #13. Regarding a motion on page 4 of the July 02, 2009 minutes, those minutes should reflect that Commissioner Weaver made the motion and also made the second. Approval was recommended with the Clerk making the necessary correction.

Item #14. The County Manager noted that approval of this item should not violate the Section 125 provision pertaining to group benefits. The county will obtain this in writing.

Item #25. This item is the Utility Committee recommendations. The Board will consider ratification.

MOTION by Commissioner Weaver to approve the Consent Agenda with noted corrections to Item #13. Second by Commissioner Dupree. The motion carried unanimously (4-0).

- (1) Gray Construction Services - Change Order #4 - Fire Station (Race Track Road) - \$3,188.00
- (2) Gray Construction Services - Change Order #5 - Fire Station (Race Track Road) - \$52,073.04 (deduction)
- (3) Bid Award - CA Boone Construction, Inc. - Bid No. 2009-05 - S.W. King Street - \$509,300.00
- (4) Public Works - Speed Humps Ballot - SE Forest Terrace - Lack of Property Owners Support - No Speed Humps will be Installed
- (5) Indigent Burial - Dees-Parrish Family Funeral Home - Lorraine Lillian Dees, Deceased - \$500.00
- (6) Public Library - State Aid: Annual Plan of Service 2009-2010
- (7) Public Library - State Aid to Libraries Grant Agreement 2009-2010
- (8) Columbia County Fire/Rescue - Ortivus Technical Support Agreement
- (9) Florida Department of Environmental Protection - State Revolving Fund - Amendment 2 to Loan Agreement for Wastewater
- (10) Suwannee River Economic Council, Inc. - Certification for Implementation of Regulatory Reform Activities - S.H.I.P. Annual Report
- (11) Utility Permit - Comcast Cable - SW Lockheed
- (12) Utility Permit - Comcast Cable - NW Georgia Avenue
- (13) Minute Approval- Board of County Commissioners - Regular Meeting - July 2, 2009
- (14) Lake Shore Hospital Authority – Employee, Johanna Stith – Request to add to Columbia County Board of County Commissioners BCBS Plan.
- (15) Columbia County Emergency Medical Services – Refund Request – Universal Health Care Group
- (16) Columbia County Emergency Medical Services – Refund Request – Terri Baunack - \$259.50
- (17) Public Works – Columbia County School District – Repair to Bus Turn Around – 38771 NW West Tower Road
- (18) Suwannee River Economic Council, Inc. – S.H.I.P. – Release of Lien Agreement – Jessica L. Durden - \$4,000
- (19) Human Resource – Request for Recruitment – Brush chipper Operator (1 Position) for Public Works – Equipment Operator II (1 Position) for Solid Waste – In house first and then externally
- (20) Clerk of Court – Declaration of Surplus Property: Microfilm Carousel - County ID #9908, Desk - County ID# 11641, and Desk – County ID#11645
- (21) Agreement – Public Works/Florida Department of Corrections Interagency – Fiscal Year 2009-2010 – Provides for Work Performed by Inmate Crews
- (22) Utility Permit – Comcast Cable – Cheshire Road

- (23) Purchasing – Architect Engineer Fee Proposal – New Fort White Branch Library - \$57,509
- (24) Sheriff's Office – Florida Department of Law Enforcement – Justice Assistance Grant – County Wide – Certification Form for EEOP & Drug Free Workplace - \$79,648.00
- (25) Columbia County Utility Committee – Payment Request Approval
 - (a) Eutaw Utilities, Inc. - \$9,150.00
 - (b) Eutaw Utilities, Inc. - \$257,111 (Invoice supported by legislative project grant LP 6025 dated 8/6/09) – Negotiation and acquisition of Properties as depicted on attached map.

K&M Maintenance. Roadside mowing and litter pickup is currently done through a contract with K&M Maintenance. The current contract is under extension and will expire January 30, 2010. K&M Maintenance has requested an additional extension of one year on the contract with current terms and conditions.

The County Manager advised the Commission that next year, administratively, there are plans to make changes in the program by reassigning the mowing to a different department for supervision. Therefore, should there be a decision to extend the contract for one year, the new department head will meet with the K&M representatives to review the provisions of the contract and discuss any county concerns. This will come back before the Board.

Commissioner Bailey will support the extension as long as K&M has a very clear understanding that they must strictly adhere to the terms and conditions agreed upon.

MOTION by Commissioner Weaver to approve the one year extension. Second by Commissioner Frisina. The motion carried unanimously (4-0).

Collins Lane/N.W. Collins Glen – District 1. Attorney Feagle explained that Ms. Wanda Parnell owns property in District 1 on the westerly end of what is now known as Collins Lane. Ms. Parnell cannot schedule delivery of her mobile home until the county assigns a physical address to the property. An address has never been assigned to this property, because the road was not in the County's addressing database; yet there is a green road sign situated there. Attorney Feagle said that after receiving a call from the commissioner regarding the matter, he took a look at the road and spoke with Mr. Ron Croft at the Addressing Department. In order to put this road in the database and assign it an address, Mr. Croft said that he simply needs to know if it is a public or private road and what name should be assigned. The proposed name of the road is N.W. Collins Glen.

Commissioner Williams arrived during this discussion and said that Collins Lane has been a county road for as long as he can remember. He said that the road has been maintained by the county. He explained that because the road has not had anyone living on it, it has not been scheduled on a routine basis.

MOTION by Commissioner Williams to have Collins Glen remain a county road, to advise the adjoining property owner [no name provided] to remove the cable that he placed across the county road, to change the name of the road to N.W. Collins Glen, and to authorize staff to notify Ron Croft that an address should be assigned to Ms. Parnell. Second by Commissioner Dupree. The motion carried unanimously (5-0).

Chief of Police. Commissioner Williams advised that his late arrival was due to his participation in interviews for a new Chief of Police. He said that interview scores have been totaled and provided to the City Manager. The results will likely be made public tomorrow.

Gateway Community Wildlife Habitat. Commissioner Frisina reported that she serves on this committee and will be bringing matters pertaining to their works and efforts before the Commission in the near future for consideration.

Adjournment. There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

ATTEST:

Board of County Commissioners

P. DeWitt Cason
Clerk of Circuit Courts