

Board of County Commissioners

Minutes of
August 18, 2005

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

In Attendance:

Commissioners: Dewey Weaver, Ronald Williams, George Skinner, Elizabeth Porter and Jennifer Flinn.

Others: County Attorney Marlin Feagle, County Manager Dale Williams, Secretary Carolyn Baker, and Deputy Clerk Sandy A. Markham.

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PUBLIC HEARINGS by Attorney Marlin Feagle

Fire Protection – Non-Ad Valorem Assessment

The Board held the first public hearing regarding the Annual Rate Resolution for Fire Protection Services. Chairwoman Flinn gave a brief history of the efforts made relating to improving fire protection in Columbia County and the options considered.

There was a general consensus among the Board that every effort would be made to keep rates low. Therefore, other options are being explored.

Comments opposing an increase were offered by: Mr. Regal, H.L. Sistrunk, Don Ward, Mike Bradley, Larry Hysmith, Robert Johnson, Cecil Shaw, Barbara McIntyre, Chad Danswick, and Wayne Sapp.

Comments supporting a slight increase with the allocations being designated for improving fire suppression for the southern end of the county by: Bruce Waters, Kevin Sullivan and David Strawders.

Neutral Comments were offered by: Lenvil Dicks, Mike Lee, and David Boozer.

The public hearing closed.

MOTION by Commissioner Weaver to continue the public hearing, and to oppose the rate of \$71. Staff and legal will meet to work out acreage issues and come up with a process similar to last year. The current level of service is to remain the same. Second by Commissioner Williams. The motion carried unanimously.

The second public hearing date is set for September 1, 2005.

Annual Rate Resolution - Solid Waste Services

The public hearing opened and closed without input. The matter will be continued until September 01, 2005.

Initial Assessment Resolutions – Private Road Assessments

(a) Rivers Manor (Blaylock Court)

The public hearing opened and closed without input. The matter will be continued until September 01, 2005.

(b) Rolling Oaks Road

The public hearing opened and closed without input. The matter will be continued until September 01, 2005.

BUILDING & ZONING by County Planner Brian Kepner

PUBLIC HEARING:

Small Scale Land Use Amendment:

(1) CPA 0133 – Bullard and Denune Investments, Inc. – Dist. 3

The public hearing opened and closed without opposition.

MOTION by Commissioner Skinner to approve. Second by Commissioner Weaver. The motion carried unanimously.

Text Amendment to the Land Development Regulations:

(1) LDR 05-2 – Columbia County Planning and Zoning Board

Applicant – Board of Adjustment to Issue Special Permit for Borrow Pits Using Procedures as established in Article 12 of the Land Development Regulations.

The public hearing opened and closed without opposition.

MOTION by Commissioner Weaver to approve. Second by Commissioner Porter. The motion carried unanimously.

SUBDIVISIONS:

Preliminary Plat Approval:

- (1) SD 0177 – Country Lake in Woodborough, Phase 2 – District 3

MOTION by Commissioner Skinner to approve. Second by Commissioner Williams. The motion carried unanimously.

- (2) SD 0178 – Country Lake in Woodborough, Phase 3 District 3

MOTION by Commissioner Skinner to approve. Second by Commissioner Porter. The motion carried unanimously.

- (3) SD 0179 – Country Lake in Woodborough, Phase 4 – District 3

MOTION by Commissioner Skinner to approve. Second by Commissioner Williams. The motion carried unanimously.

SEX OFFENDERS

Ms. Tammy Collins discussed with the Board the need to pass an ordinance with stringent laws for all sexual offenders and predators to abide by.

MOTION by Commissioner Skinner to have Attorney Feagle draft an ordinance, “or whatever it takes,” to have more stringent rules for offenders and predators to live by in Columbia County. Second by Commissioner Williams. The motion carried unanimously.

CONSENT AGENDA

- (1) Invoice – John C. Hipp Construction Company – Wilson Springs Road - \$454,099.23
Final Invoice
- (2) Invoice – Donald F. Lee & Associates, Inc. – Engineering Services – \$8,320.00
- (3) Invoice – Donald F. Lee & Associates, Inc. – North West Casey Glen – \$462.50
- (4) Invoice – Donald F. Lee & Associates, Inc. –Hunter Paneling Update Boundary - \$113.75
- (5) Invoice – Donald F. Lee & Associates, Inc. –Haltiwanger Road – \$1,170.00
- (6) Invoice - Anderson Columbia Company, Inc. – County Road 240 – \$268,828.10
- (7) Invoice – Anderson Columbia Company, Inc. – Bascom Norris Drive – \$17,113.50
- (8) Invoice – Anderson Columbia Company, Inc. – County Road 252 - \$201,789.00
- (9) External Budget Amendment – General Fund – BA #04-65 – Detention Center R & M - \$7,000.00
- (10) Public Works – Request Authorization to Repair Private Drive of Bonnie Plant Farms
- (11) Public Works – Repair of Driveway (School Bus Turnaround)
- (12) Suwannee River Economic Council – (S.H.I.P.) – Annual Report & Certification of Regulatory Reform Forms
- (13) 9-1-1 – The Wireless 911 Rural County Grant and Medium County Loan Program

- (14) Columbia County Industrial Development Authority – Acknowledging Receipt of Annual Financial Report – Fiscal Year Ended September 30, 2004
- (15) Interlocal Agreement Between Florida Crown Workforce Board, Inc. / Columbia County
- (16) Invoice – Anderson Columbia Company, Inc. – Bascom Norris Drive – \$214,108.80
- (17) External Budget Amendment – Public Works – BA #04-66 – Equipment Trailer - \$3,600.00
- (18) External Budget Amendment – Solid Waste – BA #04-67 – Landfill Compactor - \$406,615.00
- (19) External Budget Amendment – Sheriff's Office #31 – BA #04-68 – DOT Grant - \$21,088.78
- (20) Columbia County EMS Billing – Refund Request – Aetna - \$286.60
- (21) Columbia County Emergency Medical Services – Revised Position Description – EMS Billing Clerk
- (22) Utility Permit – Alltel Florida, Inc. – Suwannee Valley Road
- (23) Utility Permit – Alltel Florida, Inc. – County Road 18
- (24) Solid Waste – Fiscal Year 2005-2006 Small County Grant Agreement – \$191,176.00
- (25) Florida Department of State, Division of Library & Information Services – FY 2005-2006 - State Aid to Libraries Grant Application & Agreement
- (26) Suwannee River Economic Council, Inc. – (S.H.I.P.) – Release of Lien Agreement – Verletta Claridy - \$2,000.00
- (27) Amended Employment Agreement Between Columbia County/Attorney Marlin M. Feagle
- (28) Memorandum of Understanding Between Columbia County/Florida Crown Workforce Board, Inc.
- (29) Bid Award – Rolling Oaks Subdivision – Bid No. 2005-01 – Anderson Columbia Company, Inc. - \$273,462.18

MOTION by Commissioner Williams to approve the consent agenda with the exception of items #1, 6, 7, 8, 16, and 29. Second by Commissioner Weaver. The motion carried unanimously.

MOTION by Commissioner Weaver to approve items #1, 6, 7, 8, 16, and 29. Second by Commissioner Porter. The motion carried 4-0 with Commissioner Williams abstaining.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mr. Mike Bradley briefly discussed with the Board the Jessica Lunsford Act and the need for all organizations and agencies to work together to make sure adults serving in positions involving children's sports (i.e. umpires) are required to have a FDLE background check.

Mr. Casey Townsend asked that the Board consider installing a red light at New Millennium factory on Lake Jeffery Road.

Mr. David Rountree learned from his question that that the county plans to maintain the same level of fire service for the upcoming year as was provided last year.

COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS

MOTION by Commissioner Weaver to enter private property located on Tangerine Lane to correct a problem caused by stormwater runoff. Second by Commissioner Porter. The motion carried unanimously.

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 9:55 p.m.

ATTEST:

Patricia A. Perry
Chief Deputy Clerk

P. DeWitt Cason
Clerk of Circuit Court