

COLUMBIA COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

**POST OFFICE BOX 1529
LAKE CITY, FLORIDA 32056-1529**

CONSENT AGENDA

April 15, 2010

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- (1) Reimbursement Request - Adopt a Shore Quarterly Report - January through March 2010 - \$2,471.00**
 - (2) Building and Zoning - Refund Request - Special Temporary Use Permit - Barbara Haake - \$450.00**
 - (3) Bid Award - Allpro Vector - ULV Approved Adulticide - Bid No. 2010-E - \$16.43 per gallon**
 - (4) External Budget Amendment - Public Works - BA #09-15 - Equipment Purchase Approval - 1994 Stepp Hot Mix Transporter \$8,800.00, Two (2) John Deere 5095M Tractors, Florida Sheriff's Association's Contract Number 09-17-0908, \$55,654.00**
 - (5) Tax Collector - Request to Amend March 18, 2010 Minutes - Lease Amount annually for Florida Highway Patrol Building would be \$4,200.00 not \$2,200.00**
 - (6) Minute Approval - Board of County Commissioners - Special Meeting - March 11, 2010**
 - (7) Minute Approval - Board of County Commissioners - Special Meeting - March 25, 2010**
 - (8) Minute Approval - Board of County Commissioners - Regular Meeting - April 1, 2010**



ADOPT A SHORE QUARTERLY REPORT COLUMBIA COUNTY

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Date Submitted 3/31/10
Quarter Jan-Mar 2010
Grant Amount: \$10,000

Miles Adopted: 30

Total	Recycled	Non-Recycled	% Recycled
2005	720	1285	40%

Volunteers: 29
Volunteer Hours: 43
Presentations: 3
Attendance: 149
Sites Filmed: N/A
Locations: N/A

Reimbursement Requested:

Travel	\$ 144
Supplies/Services	\$ 127
Salaries	\$ 2,200
Total	\$ 2,471
Requested	\$ 2,471

Additional information/comments: Dan Rountree volunteered 189 hours of time for the Environthon and 50 hours for the Springs Celebration at O'Leary State Park.

Respectfully,

Fritzi S. Olson, Executive Director

Date: 3/31/10



**ADOPT A SHORE PROGRAM
COLUMBIA COUNTY**

SALARY SCHEDULE

NAME: FRITZI S. OLSON
TITLE: EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
SALARY: \$31,200 ANNUALLY

<u>Month</u>	<u>Reimbursement Amount</u>
Jan 2010	\$ 910
Feb 2010	\$ 910
Mar 2010	\$ 910
Total	\$2730
941 TAX	\$ 209
HEALTH INSUR	\$ 446
TOTAL PAYROLL EXPENSE	\$3385
<u>PAYROLL EXPENSE REQUESTED</u>	<u>\$ 2200</u>

Signature _____ **Date 3/31/10** _____

FRITZI S. OLSON
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR



**ADOPT A SHORE PROGRAM
COLUMBIA COUNTY
QUARTER: Jan-Mar 2010**

GRANTEE: CURRENT PROBLEMS, INC.

NAME

A. FRITZI S. OLSON

	<u>Date</u>	<u>Destination</u>	<u>Purpose</u>	<u>Odometer</u>	<u>Mileage Claimed</u>
A.	Jan-Mar	Ichetucknee, High Springs Atachua, G'ville	grant admin	178789—182279	309

TOTAL MILES: 309
x .445

TOTAL PAID: \$ 144

PAYEE SIGNATURE:

DATE PREPARED: 3/31/10

FRITZI S. OLSON
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR



ADOPT A SHORE PROGRAM
COLUMBIA COUNTY
QUARTER: Jan-Mar 2010
Grantee Name: Current Problems, Inc.
Grant Amount: \$10,000

BALANCE SHEET

<u>BUDGET CATEGORY</u>	<u>BUDGET AMOUNT</u>	<u>EXPENDED</u>	<u>REIMBURS. REQUEST</u>	<u>BALANCE</u>
SALARIES	8700	2200	2200	6500
OFFICE SUPPLIES/EQUIP	100	21	29	50
TELEPHONE	0	0	0	0
POSTAGE	200	55	0	145
PRINTING	200	0	22	178
CLEANUP SUPPLIES/EQUIP	100	0	4	96
TRAVEL/MEETINGS	400	129	181	271
PROGRAM RECOGNITION <i>hammers, signs, advertising, web</i>	100	0	42	58
TOTALS	10,000	2400	2471	5129

SUBMITTED BY: _____ DATE: 3/23/10

Fritz S. Olson, Executive Director, Current Problems, Inc., Grantee

APPROVED

Contract Manager Date Check Number Comments

APPROVED

Executive Director Date Check Number Date Sent

District No. 1 - Ronald Williams
District No. 2 - Dewey Weaver
District No. 3 - Jody DuFree
District No. 4 - Stephen E. Bailey
District No. 5 - Scarlet P. Frisina

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BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS • COLUMBIA COUNTY

March 31, 2010

TO: Columbia County Board of County Commissioners

FR: Laurie Hodson, Building & Zoning Office Manager *L. Hodson*

RE: Special Temporary Use Permit refund

A refund of \$450.00, the Special Temporary Use Permit fee, is requested for Barbara Haake. The Special Temporary Use Permit was applied for on March 11, 2010 for Mrs. Haake's son and the \$450.00 fee was collected. No building permit has been issued for the son's mobile home.

Please see the attached letter of explanation from Barbara and Megan Haake, which explains this Special Temporary Use Permit is no longer requested because her son will not be moving a mobile home on her property.

Fee paid by check # 648, for \$450.00 (3-26-10 cash received on returned check), receipt # 4043. The fee was deposited into account: MSBU - Land Use/Zoning - 329,100 = \$450.00

Payable to: Barbara Haake
608 NW Sophie Drive
White Springs, FL 32096

XC: Carolyn Baker
Permit file

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Board of County Commissioners
Columbia County

BOARD MEETS FIRST THURSDAY AT 7:00 P.M.
AND THIRD THURSDAY AT 7:00 P.M.

P. O. BOX 1529

LAKE CITY, FLORIDA 32055-1529

PHONE (386) 755-6100

MR & MRS. BERNARD G. HAAKE

6018 NW Sophie Drive
PO Box 769
White Springs, FL 32096
Phone (386) 397-1464
Fax (386) 397-1512
online@microsoft.com

March 29, 2010

Board of County Commissioners
Mr. Brian L Kepner
County Planner
PO Box 1529
Lake City, Florida 32056-1529

Dear Mr. Kepner,

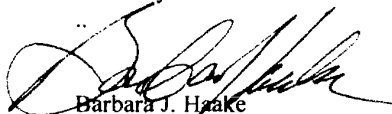
On March 11, of 2010 we came to your office and filed a special exemption to put a mobile home onto our property for our Son, Theodore Haake. Please see STUP 1003-05. Receipt number 4043 which we paid in the amount of \$450.00.

No permit has been issued to my knowledge as of this date for this exemption.

Our Son has just decided to move back to Illinois instead of moving here to our property. We are asking for a Refund if at all possible of the \$450.00 since the permit has not yet been issued and no septic or electrical poles have been installed onto the area in question.

We are on a very limited income and we also operate a 501c3 Animal Rescue (Skunkie Acres, Inc.) and your consideration in this matter would be deeply appreciated.

Sincerely


Barbara J. Haake


Megan A. Haake

Columbia County Bid Tabulation

Bid No. 2010-E Date of Opening: 3/31/2010

Bid Title: ULV Approved Adulticide

Bidders	Allpro Vector	Gil Manufacturing	Clarke Mosquito Control	Adapco	Univar USA
Description	Unit Price	Unit Price	Unit Price	Unit Price	Unit Price
Total Bid Price Per Gallon	\$ 16.43	\$ 18.62	\$ 39.12	\$ 21.40	\$ 21.50
Alternate Per Gallon	N/A	\$ 169.70	N/A	\$ 198.00	\$ 187.00

Recommend award to low bidder (Allpro Vector).



Ben Scott, Purchasing Director

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District No. 1 - Ronald Williams
District No. 2 - Dewey Weaver
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District No. 4 - Stephen E. Bailey
District No. 5 - Scarlet P. Finsina

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BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS • COLUMBIA COUNTY

MEMORANDUM

TO: Dale Williams, County Manager
FROM: Kevin Kirby, Public Works Director *KK*
DATE: March 30, 2010
SUBJECT: Equipment Purchase
Budget Amendment 09-15

We are requesting Board approval for the following purchases:

1. 1994 Stepp Hot Mix Transporter, 4 ton for the purpose of expanding this Department's current operation in the repair of pot holes and shoulders through out Columbia County. The cost of this hot mix transporter is \$8,800 and the current appraised value is \$9,000-\$9,250. Independent appraisal is attached.
2. Two (2) John Deere 5095M Tractors to be used on various projects with the main concern being the expansion of this Department's roadway dragging system. The tractors will be purchased utilizing the Florida Sheriff's Association's Contract Number 09-17-0908, Section Number 64 with the total cost of these tractors being \$55,654.

Additionally, we are requesting Board approval for Budget Amendment 09-15 in the amount of \$64,454 transferring funds from Equipment Reserve into the appropriate Equipment Purchase line items for funding the above request.

Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me. I appreciate your continued cooperation and assistance to this Department.

/lsg

Attachment: Budget Amendment #09-15

XC: Mary Sue George, Accounting

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BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS • COLUMBIA COUNTY

**Public Works Department
Budget Amendment
FY 200-2010**

March 30, 2010

Number: 09-15

Fund: Transportation

From	To	Amount
101.8400.584.90-97 \$ 8,800 (Equipment Reserve)	101.4230.541.60-64 (Drainage - Equipment Purchase)	
101.8400.0584.90-97 \$55,654 (Equipment Reserve)	101.4220.541.60-64 (Graded Rds. - Equipment Purchase)	

Description: 1) Purchase of a 1994 Stepp Hot Mix Transporter, 4 ton allowing for the expansion in the operation of repairing pot holes and shoulders throughout Columbia County. 2) Large tractors to be utilized for various projects with the main concern being the expansion of this Department's roadway dragging system.

Reference:

**BOARD MEETS FIRST THURSDAY AT 7:00 P.M.
AND THIRD THURSDAY AT 7:00 P.M.**

P. O. BOX 1529

LAKE CITY, FLORIDA 32056-1529

PHONE (386) 755-4100

Proposal

Office (386) 752-6783
Mobile (386) 961-2175
Fax (386) 754-1581

A.R. ANDERSON, LLC
PARKING LOT MAINTENANCE
ASPHALT

7581 S. U.S. 441
Lake City, Florida 32025

Sealcoat • Stripping • Patching
FEIN: 592195564

9465

PROPOSAL SUBMITTED TO

		PHONE	DATE <u>3-23-10</u>
STREET		JOB NAME	
CITY, STATE AND ZIP CODE		JOB LOCATION	
FAX			JOB PHONE

We hereby submit specifications and estimates for:

Stepp 1-hot mix Transporter - 4 Ton Ser no A5360164/2560

fully Insulated Hopper Temp thermostat

Single 100,000 BTU vapor Propane burner
(unforced)

100 lb Propane bottle holder - heated shoveling

Platform. 2-7000 lb axels w/235/85 R-16 Tires.

Electric brakes adjustable Pintle Style Hitch.

Insulated Tack 30 Gal. Tank.

8800.00

We Propose hereby to furnish material and labor - complete in accordance with above specifications, for the sum of:

Eighty Eight Hundred dollars (\$ 8800.00).

Payment to be made as follows:

All material is guaranteed to be as specified. All work to be completed in a workmanlike manner according to standard practices. Any alteration or deviation from above specifications involving extra costs will be executed only upon written orders, and will become an extra charge over and above the estimate. All agreements contingent upon strikes, accidents or delays beyond our control. Owner to carry fire, tornado and other necessary insurance.

Authorized
Signature Carl Cude

Note: This proposal may be
withdrawn by us if not accepted within _____ days.

Acceptance of Proposal - The above prices, specifications and conditions are satisfactory and are hereby accepted. You are authorized to do the work as specified. Payment will be made as outlined above.

Signature _____

Signature _____

Date of Acceptance: _____

CNTY# AGY# SUB# RPT#

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 AUDIT # 93899654

 STATE OF FLORIDA
 APPLICATION FOR VEHICLE/VESSEL
 CERTIFICATE OF TITLE

TRANSACTION ID'S

 L# 1154035
 T# 617210503
 B# 659740

TITLE NUMBER	VEHICLE/VESSEL IDENTIFICATION #	YR. MAKE	MAKE or MANUFACTURER	BODY TYPE	VEHICLE COLOR	WT/LENGTH	GWW/LOC	
104025279	SPH32021LP	1994	STEPP	TL		2100		
DATE OF ISSUE MO. DAY YEAR	TRANS CODE	VEHICLE USE	HULL MATERIAL	PROPULSION	FUEL	VESSEL TYPE	WATER	FL NUMBER
03 22 10	OUT	PRIVATE						

Applicant/Owner's Name & Address

 AARON REYNOLD ANDERSON
 7581 S US 441
 LAKE CITY, FL 32025

BIRTHDATE SEX MO. DAY YEAR Y N ALIEN CNTY RES #

M 07 16 41 X 29

1st OWNER FL/DL# OR F.E.I.D.# 2nd OWNER FL/DL# OR UNIT #

A536016412560

VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTIONS

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AGENCY FEE

8.25

TITLE FEE

87.50

SALES TAX

0.00

GRAND TOTAL

95.75

Action Requested: ORIG USED TITLE

Brands:

PREV. STATE	DATE ACQUIRED	NEW	USED	ODOMETER / VESSEL MANUFACTURER	ODOMETER DECLARATION CERTIFICATION
IN	03/18/2010		XX		<input type="checkbox"/>

LIEN INFORMATION

DATE OF LIEN

RECEIVED DATE

FEID # OR FL / DL AND SEX AND DATE OF BIRTH

DMV ACCOUNT #

NAME OF FIRST LIENHOLDER:

ADDRESS

SALVAGE TYPE

SELLER INFORMATION

NAME OF SELLER, FLORIDA DEALER, OR OTHER PREVIOUS OWNER

ADDRESS

DEALER LICENSE NO.

CONSUMER OR SALES TAX EXEMPTION #

SALES TAX AND USE REPORT

 TRANSFER OF TITLE ☐ PURCHASER HOLDS VALID
 IS EXEMPT FROM EXEMPTION CERTIFICATE
 FLORIDA SALES OR ☐ VEHICLE / VESSEL WILL BE
 USE TAX FOR THE USED EXCLUSIVELY FOR RENTAL
 REASON(S) CHECKED ☒ OTHER OTHER

INDICATE TOTAL PURCHASE PRICE, INCLUDING ANY UNPAID BALANCE DUE SELLER, BANK OR OTHERS \$

INDICATE SALES OR USE TAX DUE AS PROVIDED BY CHAPTER 212, FLORIDA STATUTES \$

0.00

☐ SELLING PRICE VERIFIED

APPLICANT CERTIFICATION

I/WE HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THE VEHICLE/VESSEL TO BE TITLED WILL NOT BE OPERATED UPON THE PUBLIC HIGHWAYS/WATERWAYS OF THIS STATE.

☐ I CERTIFY THAT THE CERTIFICATE OF TITLE IS LOST OR DESTROYED.☐ I CERTIFY THAT THIS MOTOR VEHICLE/VESSEL WAS REPOSSESSED UPON DEFAULT OF THE LIEN INSTRUMENT AND IS NOW IN MY POSSESSION.

I/WE HEREBY CERTIFY THAT I/WE LAWFULLY OWN THE ABOVE DESCRIBED VEHICLE/VESSEL, AND MAKE APPLICATION FOR TITLE. IF LIEN IS BEING RECORDED NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THERE IS AN EXISTING WRITTEN LIEN INSTRUMENT INVOLVING THE VEHICLE/VESSEL DESCRIBED ABOVE AND HELD BY LIENHOLDER SHOWN ABOVE. I/WE FURTHER AGREE TO DEFEND THE TITLE AGAINST ALL CLAIMS.

UNDER PENALTIES OF PERJURY, I DECLARE THAT I HAVE READ THE FOREGOING DOCUMENT AND THAT THE FACTS STATED IN IT ARE TRUE.

Signature of Applicant/Owner

Signature of Applicant/Co-Owner

HSMV 82041 REVISED 02/06

**ELROD AUCTIONS
P O BOX 637
PENNEY FARMS, FL 32079**

March 30, 2010

Columbia Board of County Commissioners
ATTN: Willie Montes
P O Box 969
Lake City, FL 32056

Attached please find appraisal of 1994 Stepp Pre-Mix Heater (Hot Box) to be used in your department.

This appraisal is based on the most comprehensive information available to me at this time and includes data from several sources. No factors affecting the value of this equipment were knowingly overlooked or withheld.

Please feel free to contact me if I can be of further assistance.

Sincerely,



William F. Elrod

APPRAISAL

EQUIPMENT: 1994 Stepp Pre-Mix Heater Model SPH 3.0-21LP manufactured by Stepp Manufacturing, 12325 River Road, North Branch, Minnesota 55056

DESCRIPTION: Trailer mounted Pre-Mix container used for heating, hauling and storage of bituminous mix for road repair. This particular consists of a triple walled hopper constructed of 12 gauge material with a 304 stain steel shoveling plate and a firing chamber with 5 heatpoints. The firing chamber is insulated with ceramic insulation and the hopper walls are insulated with fiberglass. The unit is covered with two 16 gauge steel insulated hoods with safety locks when in the open position.

Trailer is A-Frame construction with reinforced 2x6 rectangular tubing and is equipped with two 7,000 lb leaf spring axles with electric brakes. Load range E ST235/80/R16 tires complete the ground package. Steel fenders, pilot hitch and screw jack finish the trailer.

The unit is a 3.0 Cubic Yard machine (approximately 4 tons) and is equipped with a tool box and gas tank holders. In addition, it is also equipped with a five burner, infrared heating system.

DETAILS: Although the unit is titled as a 1994 model, it is in exceptionally good condition. A cursory look at the equipment would make one think it is a new machine. It is now in use on a regular basis, but is well maintained. Heat shields on either side of the fire box are in need of some repair, but that is a very minor flaw and can be readily corrected by a fabricator. The trailer is riding on 4 new tires and all lights are in place and operable. The hitch and jack meet all requirements and are in excellent condition. The mix hopper is like new and all doors and slides operate easily. The hopper is equipped with a heat riser in the center to provide faster heat up and eliminate bridging of the material.

SUMMARY: A new machine like this one, still offered for sale by Stepp Manufacturing, is \$18,000.00 with options. Machines on the secondary market can be found for prices ranging from \$6,000.00 to \$12,900.00. It must be noted that most of the machines on the secondary market are in much worse shape than the machine being evaluated here - its worst flaw is that it is a 94 model. However, the new machine being built today is identical to this one, with some changes to the firebox. All other parts are readily available from the manufacturer.

VALUE: After consideration of the condition of the equipment and similar equipment on the market and recently sold, I believe the value of this particular piece to be \$9,000 - 9,250.00



JOHN DEERE

HOBOTRACTOR COMPANY, INC.
462 SE STATE ROAD 238
LAKE CITY, FL 32025
Phone: 386-755-2450
Fax: 386-755-2456

A.H. John Gould
FAX 758-2148

Quote Id : 4248753 Customer Name : COLUMBIA COUNTY PUBLIC WORKS DEPT

Quote Summary

6 WEIGHTS ALREADY ADDED IN PRICE

100 LBS EACH

Prepared For: COLUMBIA COUNTY PUBLIC WORKS DEPT Business 386-752-5955	Prepared By: JOHN C HOWARD 462 SE STATE ROAD 238 LAKE CITY, FL 32025 HOWARD@HOBOTRACTOR.COM	Quote ID: 4248753 Created On: March 29, 2010 Last Modified On: March 29, 2010 Expiration Date: April 5, 2010
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Equipment Summary	Selling Price	Qty	Extended
John Deere 5095M TRACTOR	\$ 27,577.00 X	1	\$ 27,577.00
Equipment Total			\$ 27,577.00

Quote Summary	
Equipment	\$ 27,577.00
Trade In	
Subtotal	\$ 27,577.00
Total	\$ 27,577.00
Down Payment	
Rental Applied	
Balance Due	\$ 27,577.00

CANOPY

250.00
27827.00

09-17-0908
SECTION #64

Salesperson: X

Accepted By: X

CONFIDENTIAL

Selling Equipment

JOHN DEERE

Quote Id : 4248753 Customer Name : COLUMBIA COUNTY PUBLIC WORKS DEPT

John Deere 5095M TRACTOR

Selling Price
\$ 27,577.00

Code	Description	Qty	Unit	Extended
930LV	5095M Utility Tractor	1	\$ 47,705.00	\$ 47,705.00
1002	2 Wheel Drive	1	\$ -5,852.00	\$ -5,852.00
2003	Open Operator Station	1	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
2100	Vertical Exhaust	1	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
3100	12F/4R SyncShuttle Plus Transmission - 540 RPM PTO	1	\$ -1,585.00	\$ -1,585.00
4000	Mechanical	1	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
5020	Dual Rear Valve with Lever Controls	1	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
5295	Less Mid Valve	1	\$ -1,134.00	\$ -1,134.00
7510	3-Point Hitch with Telescoping Draft Links	1	\$ -113.00	\$ -113.00
8142	18.1R30 143A8 R1 Radial	1	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
9221	11L-15 in. 8PR F2 Bias	1	\$ -1,140.00	\$ -1,140.00
9020	Front Weight Support - 187 Lbs.	1	\$ 243.00	\$ 243.00
Standard Options Total				\$ -9,581.00
Freight				\$ 142.36
Other Charges Total				\$ 142.36
Discount				\$ -10,689.36
Total				\$ 27,577.00

CANOPY 2500.00
27827.00



4/15/10
Agenda

RONNIE BRANNON, C.F.C.
COLUMBIA COUNTY TAX COLLECTOR

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135 NE Hernando Ave., Suite 125 • Lake City, Florida 32055-4006
Telephone (386) 758-1077 • Fax (386) 719-7462

MEMORANDUM

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APR 17 2010

Board of County Commissioners
Columbia County

TO: Dale Williams, County Manager ✓
Hon. Ron Williams, Chairman

FROM: Ronnie Brannon 

DATE: April 7, 2010

RE: BoCC Meeting, March 18, 2010
DL Implementation Presentation

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Upon review of the minutes from the above referenced meeting of the Board I "miss-spoke" when Commissioner Weaver asked what the lease amount would be for the FHP building. My answer was \$2,200 annually.

Be advised that the correct estimated annual cost (23% of the utilities with custodial services) for the lease is \$4,200.

I would appreciate it very much if you would change the record to reflect the correct answer for Commissioner Weaver's question and advise Commissioner Weaver of my error in answering his question.

Thanks You.

REQUEST TO AMEND MARCH 18, 2010 MINUTES

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COLUMBIA COUNTY
BOARD of COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
Minutes of
March 11, 2010

The Columbia County Board of County Commissioners met in **Special Meeting** at the Columbia County School Board Administrative Complex. The meeting opened at 7:00 p.m. with prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

Commissioners in Attendance:

Ronald Williams (Chairman), Stephen Bailey, Dewey Weaver, Jody Dupree and Scarlet Frisina.

Others in Attendance:

County Manager Dale Williams, Asst. County Manager Lisa Roberts, Attorney Marlin Feagle, Deputy Clerk Sandy Markham, Attorney Brian Armstrong of Nabors, Giblin & Nickerson, P.A., Chad Williams of GTC Design Group, and Mark Neihaus of Eutaw Utilities.

Purpose of Meeting:

To consider the adoption of two ordinances.

Public Comment:

Citizen Stew Lilker thanked Ms. Penny Stanley of the Board Office for helping him sort his way through the supporting documents posted on the website. He also thanked Linda Howard of the Board Office for the fine job she did on the Water and Wastewater Systems Handbook.

Mr. Lilker said the County had the proposed Utility Ordinances available the first week in February, but the ordinances were just posted on the website a couple of days ago. He asked that someone let him know what the problem was with having the proposed ordinances posted in a more timely fashion, and why the ordinances were not posted separately instead of everything being posted together in a 347 page clump. He told the Board that many people in the south end of the county have no access to high speed internet service. Therefore, when the County posts a 6.5 mega bite file, instead of a 40 or 50 mega bite file, it is impossible for many citizens to open the file for review. He also suggested the Board do a spell and grammar check on their documents before posting to the website.

Overview:

County Manager Williams gave a brief review of the Ellisville Utility using an overhead projector and a map that outlined the service area. He explained there is a sewer component to this utility in the works, but the primary concern in the immediate future is the water utility. The complete presentation is attached to the original minutes.

The County has undertaken two utility rate studies in order to determine impact fee, tap fee, and customers' usage charge for the water. Unfortunately, the studies are not complete. He said that the Board does not have the benefit of knowing what the two independent studies will reflect regarding the rates.

Ordinance 2010-1

The County Manager gave a brief overview of the ordinance and explained the ordinance establishes a service area in the unincorporated area of Columbia County, dealing particularly with the Ellisville area.

The Chair declared the public hearing opened.

Citizen Warren Godsmark had his question answered by Commissioner Dupree who explained that the red line around the map is the dedicated service area.

Citizen Larry Hall of Hall's Pumps and Wells told the Board that he was concerned with the fact that many wells will be lost over time if the service area continues to grow. He said that this plan negatively affects his family's livelihood as they are in the well drilling business. He opposed mandatory hookup and said people should have the option of using their wells.

Citizen Stew Lilker recalled Attorney Feagle declaring a conflict earlier in the year, because he and his family owned property within the service area. For disclosure purposes, he asked if there were any members of the Commission that have relatives or investors, or know of relatives that have investments in the designated service area.

Commissioner Williams said that it "could be" that he possibly has family in that area. He said that he has a lot of family all over the county "somewhere" since his family came to the area in 1834 as slaves.

Commissioner Frisina said that she has a family member that owns a sizable amount of property in the area.

Commissioner Weaver and Commissioner Bailey said that they do not have any relatives who own property within the designated service area.

Commissioner Bailey said that he did not have any relatives in the designated service area.

The public hearing closed.

The County Manager explained that the original water supply facilities plant that was adopted and submitted to the State of Florida consisted of circular designs, which is a very hard design to regulate and to identify boundaries.

Chad Williams of GTC Design Group explained the dimensions and boundaries of the service area.

Chairman Williams explained for the public's benefit that the County was asked by the Department of Environmental Protection to assist with the water situation in the Ellisville area. He said that it was through the state's encouragement that a decision was made to help the people in the Ellisville area.

MOTION by Commissioner Dupree to adopt the designated service area as presented [Ordinance 2010-1], Second by Commissioner Bailey. The motion carried unanimously.

Ordinance 2010-2 Re: Water and Wastewater Connection

The County Manager gave a brief overview of the ordinance, which addresses mandatory connection and the requirements for connecting to the utility.

The County Manager explained that once the system is complete, homes and businesses within the designated area will be required to hook up to the water system within a 6 month period, and to pay applicable connection fees within a one year period. The dollar amount of those fees cannot be determined until the rate studies are complete. He mentioned that it was the intent of the Utility Committee that the ordinance be written very stringent. He said this was written with the idea that once the Commission was able to hear public comment, and discuss the facts, that the Commission can always make the ordinance less stringent.

Commissioner Dupree asked Attorney Brian Armstrong, when the ordinance in hand is compared to the ordinance the commissioners had last week, what had been changed regarding who and when will a person or business be required to hookup. Attorney Armstrong said to his recollection that the only thing that was changed was pertaining to the distance out from the line that a person would be required to hook on. There was also a change in definitions where it refers the County Manager, designee, or other person designated by the County Commission.

Commissioner Dupree referred to Article II, Section 2.03(b) of the Ordinance. He asked how "establishment" would be defined. Attorney Armstrong said that the rate study will clarify the classifications.

Commissioner Dupree said he could see a problem with Article II, Section 2.03(b). He said if he was to build a building, he would have individual meters. He said the person with the individual meter may not consume 1000 gallons per day. Attorney Armstrong said this could be clarified, but the 1000 gallons per day applies only to a residence.

Commissioner Dupree said that he understands that prior to him becoming a commissioner that there was a straw vote taken regarding mandatory hookups.

The County Manager told the Commissioner that he was correct. County Manager Williams explained that during the process of the utility, which has been ongoing for several years, on at least one occasion, possibly two, the Chairman at that time did a straw vote in order to take some form of an understanding in order to proceed. He said the idea was to say the consensus of the Board was in support of doing what was necessary to make the utility financially viable. Commissioner Dupree said that the diligence and steps taken up to this point is based upon "that."

The Chair opened the public hearing.

Citizen Warren Godsmark recalled in the early planning stages of the utilities that there seemed to be some talk regarding the impact fees and some citizens being grandfathered in. He asked if the Board is considering the elderly who are on fixed incomes. The Board explained the elderly are being considered and there is ongoing talk about how the fees will be structured. The overall goal of the Board is to make this impact/burden as light as possible.

Citizen Larry Hall asked the Board to consider that a well will cost a person approximately \$100 per year for the well's life expectancy. Mr. Hall said a person will certainly spend more money on buying water than on a well system.

Citizen Bruce Barton asked if all of the residences in the designated area were notified personally when "this" was being proposed. Attorney Feagle replied the ordinance procedure requires a ten day publication in the newspaper. Mr. Barton said he imagines a lot of unhappy people will come forward when they get notice to hookup.

Mr. Barton asked if the County will require existing wells to be abandoned once a person has hooked on to the system. He said leaving unused wells open poses a contamination risk for the aquifer. He asked if abandonment of the well will be required by the County. If so, will the County pay for the well abandonment?

Regarding notification, Commissioner Dupree said this is a "countywide" ordinance and affects more people than just those living in the Ellisville area. The Commissioner said that personally, he does not think the wells should be abandoned, because the wells can still be used for irrigation. He said abandoning wells has not been discussed, but will need to be.

Mr. Barton asked if when the county eventually extends the utility in the county and the water lines are run in front of his house just 100 feet away, if it would be mandatory that he hook on to the water system. The answer was "yes."

Citizen Terry Lynch, who is also an employee of Lynch Well Drilling, is not in favor of mandatory hookup and that people should have a choice. She said if the main problem with the water in that area is nitrates, it would make sense that the county would be aggressively seeking sewer options in the area. She said that she understands the need to bring in jobs, but said the utility negatively affects her current job. She said that she could not imagine how the Board would pass this ordinance without having the rate studies back.

The Chair said that he intends to ask the Board to hold this ordinance in abeyance until the rate studies are back.

Citizen Warren Godsmark commended the Commission for making effort to bring the area clean water.

Citizen Cecil Shaw asked that he not be required to abandon his well. He asked if anyone has an idea of what the associated fees will be to hook on. The rate study will reveal these figures.

Citizen Carol Maddox owns an RV Park that is situated just outside of the designated area. She said that she needs clean water for her business to continue operating. She asked if there are plans to extend. The answer was "yes, but not immediately."

Citizen Kenneth Witt asked how his property would be classified. He asked if he would be able to keep his wells, especially since he has had to have wells put in and recently invested in a new commercial sprinkler system. He asked who would have to pay the cost associated with having to run the water pipe 1320 feet to the business or the house?

Answering Mr. Witt's questions, Commissioner Dupree said it would be the business owner who would pay the cost. Commissioner Williams said the business would be classified according to the state's classification of the business.

Citizen Donald Hall cautioned the Board to look into the situation that Marion County has found themselves in with utilities. He also explained this decision affects his children's livelihood.

Citizen Stewart Lilker agreed that there should be no vote on the ordinance until the rate studies come back.

Mr. Lilker said when this project began it started out serving six customers and fourteen residences. He said the Board didn't want to pay fifteen cents extra for a thousand gallons to run water from the Oasis Bar to Ellisville, but millions of dollars and nobody knows the rates.

He said that it is not right for the Board to pass an ordinance and then "loosen it up." He told the Board that they should pass the appropriate ordinance and stick by the ordinance; whatever that may be.

Regarding Utility Inspections, Mr. Lilker stated that a woman should not have to be at home alone with a stranger on her property if she is not comfortable with it. He said that a person should not be able to go onto private property to inspect without an appointment, permission, and a reasonable cause. He said if the person does not want you on the property and refuses to let you enter the property, a court order should be obtained.

Citizen Kenneth Bishop who is located in the designated service area told the Board that many of those people are living on fixed incomes and there are also true hardship cases that will be forced to hook on. He asked that the Board continue to be mindful that a lot of the people in that area will not be able to afford this. He said that they are not opposing the change, but do not know how they will pay for it.

Citizen Barbara Lemley who lives in the county, but has city water asked if she would be required to hook on to county water if it was ever run into her area. The County Manager said that if the City was in the area first, they will continue to serve the water for her home.

Ms. Lemley said it seems it would be cheaper to pay the rates the city is asking than to go to the large expense of building a utility. She agreed with grandfathering in existing homes so that they will not be required to hook up until the well goes bad or the home changes hands.

The Chair closed the public hearing. He said once the rate studies are in, the rates and fees will be discussed and decided on amongst the Board.

Commissioner Weaver said he is not prepared to pass a mandatory ordinance without a rate structure.

MOTION by Commissioner Weaver to table until the Board has the rate structure, then the mandatory ordinance can be reconsidered. Second by Commissioner Weaver.

Discussion:

Commissioner Dupree said the rate study is going to be in two pieces; rates with and without mandatory hookup. He said the rate study "is what it is," and he believes the Board intends to have mandatory hookup. He asked if he was missing something.

Chairman Williams replied the commissioner was right, but he personally wanted to see the rates before passing the ordinance. He said that he intends to vote for mandatory hookup.

Commissioner Weaver said that it is his intent to vote for a mandatory hookup and it would take drastic figures in order for him to change his mind. He said he wants to see the numbers first.

A question was asked from the audience if this would be the first of two public hearings.

The Chair answered that this public hearing would be held in abeyance. Once the rate studies are received, the Board will meet and have a discussion amongst themselves regarding rates.

Attorney Feagle said unless the Board wants to re-advertise and set another public hearing it would need to take this matter up within four weeks. The Chair said he wanted the matter back before the Board in two weeks. The Board concurred.

The County Manager said if the Board wishes to have a special meeting two weeks from the current meeting the date would be March 25th.

AMENDED MOTION by Commissioner Weaver to continue the hearing until 7:00 p.m. on March 25, 2010. Second by Commissioner Bailey. The motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Weaver commented on the public hearing, regarding Mr. Hall's remarks on the predicament Marion County finds itself in. He said that one of their problems is that they are 25 years late in building their water system. He explained his comment.

Technical Specifications:

The County Manager said the Water and Wastewater System Handbook is a work in progress by a sub-committee for the Utility Committee. He said hopefully this will be ready for adoption on March 25th. Once adopted, there will be additional ordinances required.

Proposed Cost Share Ordinance:

The proposed Cost Share Ordinance is being drafted and should be ready for review in approximately 30 days.

Appreciation:

Commissioner Williams expressed his appreciation to Commissioner Bailey, Commissioner Frisina and Commissioner Dupree for a job well done on the Utility Committee.

Commissioner Weaver echoed Commissioner Williams' comments and added that their hard work is apparent. He added that Commissioner Dupree was a perfect choice to chair the committee as he is very meticulous in his work.

Clarification:

Commissioner Dupree asked if there was a county ordinance in place that prohibits the county from entering private property without the owner's authorization.

The County Manager said there are ordinances that regulate specific activities, which have been interpreted as the county having permission. There is no specific ordinance that allows the county to enter private property. He said that he thinks the idea as it relates to the utility is that when a person makes application for service, the application itself is giving permission to enter the property.

Adjournment:

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 8:50 a.m.

ATTEST:

P. DeWitt Cason
Clerk of Circuit Court

Ronald Williams, Chairman
Board of County Commissioners

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COLUMBIA COUNTY
BOARD of COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
March 25, 2010

The Columbia County Board of County Commissioners met in **Special Meeting** at the Columbia County School Board Administrative Complex. The meeting opened at 7:00 p.m. with prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

Commissioners in Attendance:

Ronald Williams (Chairman)	Stephen Bailey	Scarlet Frisina
Dewey Weaver	Jody Dupree	

Others in Attendance:

County Manager Dale Williams	Asst. County Manager Lisa Roberts
Attorney Marlin Feagle	Deputy Clerk Sandy Markham
Attorney Brian Armstrong	

At a special meeting of the Board of County Commissioners on March 11, 2010, a successful motion was made by Commissioner Weaver to continue the public hearing on Ordinance 2010-2 until 7:00 p.m. on March 25, 2010.

Chairman Williams gave opening comments.

The Chair announced that the public hearing would not be reopened. He advised that the County Manager would review a series of questions asked by the public and provide answers. Chairman Williams said the public would be allowed to ask questions if their question was not answered in County Manager Williams' presentation.

County Manager Williams reviewed the questions asked and the answers provided in a Power Point Presentation.

What is the purpose of Ordinance No. 2010-2? The purpose of the Ordinance is to provide for the administration, jurisdiction and enforcement of utility connections (public and private). The Ordinance provides for those utility connections that are mandatory. Also provided for are availability determinations, reservation of capacity, line extension, conditions of service and construction of permanent, transitional and community facilities.

What area of the county will be under the jurisdiction of Ordinance No. 2010-2? The unincorporated area will be under the jurisdiction of the Ordinance if it is passed. The unincorporated area is all land area within Columbia County, excluding the City of Lake City and the Town of Fort White.

Will residences or businesses within the unincorporated area of Columbia County be required to connect to public utilities if Ordinance 2010-2 passes? No.

What is required under Ordinance 2010-2 to mandate the connection of a residence or business to a public utility? The County, by separate ordinance, must define and adopt a Mandatory Service Area. This was done on March 11, 2010 through Ordinance 2010-1.

Have any mandatory service areas been adopted? Yes. The service area is called the Ellisville Service Area. It is located at the intersection of U.S. 41 and I-75. The service area is approximately 3.5 square miles. There are approximately 790 square miles in the unincorporated area of Columbia County.

Can the Ellisville Service Area line be expanded? Yes.

In the Ellisville Service Area, what are the requirements for mandatory connections? For a single family residence, mandatory connection is required if the residential "lot-line" is within 100 feet of the public utility.

How many residences and/or businesses are impacted by the Ellisville Service Area given the current water line placement? 98 residences and 24 businesses that are impacted.

In addition to the monthly usage (consumption) billing, will I have to pay other charges due to the mandatory connection requirement? Impact fees and tap fees would be required unless the requirement is waived by the Board of County Commissioners.

If I own a functioning, private water well within the Ellisville Service Area, will I be required to abandon my well? The Board of County Commissioners has not rendered a final decision on this question; however, previous discussions have indicated that private wells would not be required to be abandoned. This will be answered tonight before taking action on the ordinance.

What happens if I live within the Ellisville Service Area and continue to use my private water well to supply my residence? Typically, a minimum charge is determined and billed to the residence; however, other enforcement options are provided for by the Ordinance.

What happens if the customers within the mandatory service area do not generate sufficient revenue to cover the debt owed? The debt then becomes a general obligation of the county and the repayment obligation will fall back on the county citizenry as a whole.

I live close to a utility line extended by the City of Lake City; will this ordinance require me to connect to the City of Lake City Utility System? No.

Under what circumstances would I be required to connect to the City of Lake City Utility System?

1. The property is annexed into the City of Lake City or,
2. The County, by adoption of an ordinance, places you in a mandatory service zone.

Is the County currently considering the adoption of any additional service areas? Columbia County was recently asked to consider taking over an existing water system at College Manor that has approximately 40 customers. The system is currently out of compliance and is being studied by an engineering company. If the county elects to accept this system, it would likely create a new service area. Other than the College Manor area, no other areas are currently being considered.

What areas within the county might be considered "candidates" for mandatory service areas? Other than Ellisville, the only discussions pertaining to utilities have been with the Industrial Development Authority (IDA) and economic development needs. From these discussions, potential

Mandatory Service Area “candidates” might include areas in which industrial projects would be located.

Fees.

A final fee schedule has not been adopted by the Board of County Commissioners. The following fees are considered maximum fees (provided for illustrative purposes only).

Base Rate (per ERC)	\$11
Water Consumption Charge	\$2.55/1,000
Conservation Rate Option	\$1.70 to \$4.29/1000
Impact Fees (per ERC)	\$1,900
Tap Fees (per ERC)	\$250

The typical SRF utilizes 8,000 gallons of water monthly. Based on the above, the average monthly bill, compared to the City of Lake City, would be as follows:

	<u>County</u>	<u>City of Lake City</u>
Base Rate	\$11.00	\$21.01
Consumption Charge	\$20.40	\$23.52
	\$31.40	\$44.53

PUBLIC QUESTIONS by:

Brian Rucker	James Bar	Robert Rucker	Greg Beckman
Stewart Lilker	Patricia Christison	Daniel Houston	Eric Smith
Skip Shaw	Larry Hall		

From questions asked, the following information was provided:

When the ordinance is read, it must be read as a whole. Reading one article without taking the others into consideration may be misleading.

There is nothing being proposed in Ordinance 2010-2 that would require anyone outside of the service area to hook on. While this is a countywide ordinance, additional ordinances would be required in order to adopt additional service areas.

The current discussion is that the connection fee would include running the line from the lot line to the home that already has existing water. Newly constructed homes will be required to run the line from the meter to the home.

The Sisters Welcome area is not currently being targeted as a service area.

The base line fee study figures used in the presentation came from the City of Lake City’s rate structure and from two rates studies.

A person who purchases a parcel of property within the mandatory service area, where there is a “good well” with fresh water, and later builds a home, would be required to hook up if they are within 100 feet of the water line. A permit would not be issued to build otherwise.

The usage fees pay the operational expenses. The debt service is paid from the capacity/impact fees. Connection fees a/k/a tap fees pay for the setting of the meter, installation, etc.

Homes located in the service area that may later be used as commercial property will be charged as a home. Meters will very likely be changed if the property becomes commercial.

Businesses within the service area that already have existing DEP wells will be required to hook on.

No Cross Connection Policy has been adopted at this time, but a policy is in the works. The County will put a policy in place to prevent contamination.

The Ellisville Utility does not have a sewer system in place at this time to service the entire designated service area, though that is the future goal. Initially, there are supposed to be 24 customers on the sewer system. Once those 24 are served, is expected to be at capacity with the existing plant. The Utility Committee will be making recommendations regarding expansion. It is very likely that the commercial customers will be the only customers that connects to sewer initially.

It is a small area needing to be addressed, but a county wide ordinance is needed, because the ordinance does more than create a service area. It gives the Board the authority to regulate utilities in the entire unincorporated area.

There has been industry interested in locating, but were lost to another area, because there was no water available in Ellisville. The County IDA is working with an estimated five companies who have an interest in locating at Ellisville or at the RACEC site on the far eastern side of the county.

There is currently no plan in place to address damaged wells that may contaminate the drinking supply. At this time the county would have to rely on the diligence of those in the field.

Those already hooked onto the City's water would not be required to hook onto the county's water.

There are no legal requirements that the county must give individual notice to anyone being considered for a service zone, but a legal advertisement would be required in the local newspaper.

Amendments:

County Manager Williams explained that there have been four minor amendments made to proposed Ordinance No. 2010-2 since the public hearing on March 11, 2010. The amendments are as follows:

Section 1.08 (Page 4)

“Ordinance 2010-1” and “Ordinance No. 2007-15” were inserted into the blanks.

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

Section 2.03(a) (Page 7)

The word “proposed” has been stricken.

MOTION by Commissioner Dupree to approve. Second by Commissioner Bailey. The motion carried unanimously.

Section 2.03(c) (Page 7)

“Establishment” is added and defined as follows: *Any building or properties used for human occupancy, employment, recreation or other purposes.*

MOTION by Commissioner Dupree to approve the forgoing and to also add “*establishment*” to the definitions of the ordinance. Second by Commissioner Weaver. The motion carried unanimously.

Section 2.03 (Page 7)

The first sentence should have the words “adopted service area” added after the word “county”.

Motion by Commission Weaver to approve. Second by Commissioner Dupree. The motion carried unanimously.

Decisions.

The Board of County Commissioners should decide the following prior to voting on Ordinance 2010-2.

1. Will the Board of County Commissioners require that individual potable water wells be abandoned in accordance with Department of Health guidelines if the well is within the mandatory service area and is currently servicing an establishment required to connect to a public utility?

MOTION by Commissioner Weaver to not require abandonment. Second by Commissioner Dupree.

Attorney Armstrong asked, and it was agreed, the motion would include a requirement that a backflow prevention devise would be required on the individual water wells.

The motion carried unanimously.

2. In Section 2.03 of Ordinance 2010-2, an option of paying Capacity Fees (impact fees) over a period not to exceed one year is provided for. Is it the intent of the Board of County Commissioners to require existing establishments to pay Capacity Fees (impact fees) and Connection Fees (tap fees) if required to connect to a public utility?

MOTION by Commissioner Dupree, “So move.”

No second was offered. Chairman Williams relinquished his chair to the Vice Chairman Jody Dupree and made a second to the motion.

Vice Chairman Dupree called for discussion.

Commissioner Weaver asked that the tap fees and impact fee be discussed separately. Attorney Armstrong advised this would be acceptable.

Commissioner Williams resumed his position at the chair and relieved Vice Chairman Dupree.

MOTION by Commissioner Weaver to pull the motion from the floor. Chairman Williams announced that he was withdrawing his second to the motion. The Chair called for a new motion to separate the fees.

MOTION by Commissioner Weaver to adopt the tap fee. Second by Commissioner Dupree.

The Chair explained that the tap fee will be taken up first and will be a separate issue from the impact fee.

Commissioner Bailey asked if it would require mandatory hook up and the payment of tap fees within a period of time.

Commissioner Bailey said that he has learned that the majority of his constituents were told [initially] that they would have the option as to whether they would have to hook into the system. Commissioner Bailey said that he has confirmed this with the commissioner that was seated approximately 10 years ago. Commissioner Bailey advised that he has a problem with requiring residential units to be required to hook up to the system and pay the tap fee when they were led to believe it would be an option.

Commissioner Bailey suggested that the affected, existing homeowner be given 6 months to decide on whether or not they wanted to hook up to the system. If they decide to hook on within the 6 months, then the county should pay the hookup fee.

Commissioner Williams said that he has been on the Board over 15 years and cannot recall the conversation mentioned by Commissioner Bailey. He told Commissioner Bailey that he [Bailey] was "all for it" until he realized mandatory hookups would have to be adopted. He told Commissioner Bailey that he [Bailey] promoted utilities in Ellisville during his campaign and that he [Bailey] believed during that time that the county had "already" adopted all the ordinances that were required to put the utility in place. He told Commissioner Bailey that he [Bailey] looked like he'd seen a ghost when he learned the required ordinances had not been adopted.

Commissioner Bailey said that he continues to support the water at Ellisville as it is a vital part to growing the Ellisville Interchange and Columbia County. He said that his problem is that his constituents were told something different "in the beginning." Commissioner Bailey said that this has been confirmed with the prior commissioner and with the County Manager.

The County Manager reminded everyone that the utility has been in the planning stages for many, many years. He said that in the very beginnings stages of the project, he did recall the conversations that Commissioner Bailey refers to. However, the project being considered at that time was for commercial use and there were only a few residential properties that would fall into the affected area. In the Water Facility Plan that was adopted in 2005, there were a total of ten residences that were included in the plan. Since that time, it has grown from 10 to 98 residences and there have been many different types of discussions that have taken place during the process.

The County Manager added that originally, this was a project that was going to be subsidized to the tune of approximately \$435,000 per year by the county. This was during a time where there was ample economic activity and plenty of revenue being generated. Given the current economic conditions and the budget status, this presented a huge problem and the project was put on hold. The

County was fortunate enough to receive stimulus money to help subsidize this project. The County Manager said that based on the rate studies, the system is very close to being able to pay for itself. He stressed the project has been through a long evolution process.

Commissioner Dupree said that comparing the project years ago to the current project being considered today is like comparing apples to oranges, because there is nothing about Ellisville today that is the same as it was years ago. He said that had he not been told that a straw vote had taken place regarding mandatory hookup, he would have never supported water going to Ellisville.

Roll Call Vote on the MOTION to adopt the tap fee:

Commissioner Bailey voted nay.	Commissioner Frisina voted nay.
Commissioner Dupree voted aye.	Commissioner Williams voted aye.
Commissioner Weaver voted aye.	

The motion carried 3-2.

Impact Fees

Commissioner Weaver is in favor of new residents having to pay the impact fees for new construction. He suggested that because this is an economic development package, that economic development should contribute. He suggested that current residential impact fees be paid from economic development. He said businesses have an opportunity to recoup cost, but the existing residences do not.

MOTION by Commissioner Weaver to impose the impact fee in the Ellisville area, not to exceed \$1,900, and the existing residential properties will have their impact fees paid from the Economic Development Fund. Second by Commissioner Bailey.

The County Manager explained that the Economic Fund is general fund money that is generated through ad valorem taxes. The money is not earmarked and it is controlled by the Board and may be used as deemed appropriate.

Commissioner Dupree said that he was not aware of the Economic Development Fund having so much money that it could assist with impact fees. He reminded everyone that if the service area grows or another service area is selected, other residences will be impacted the same way and must be given the same treatment. He said that this ordinance has the possibility of affecting others and there are not sufficient funds to extend this type of help to everyone. He said that the businesses are also struggling in Ellisville and that if the county has enough to help the residences, they should do the same for the businesses. He said what is good for one should be good for all. He questioned whether the county could ever afford this. He said that he would support it only if the county could afford to treat everyone equally.

The County Manager said that based on the rate studies, it would cost approximately \$350,000 for the county to pay the impact fees for the existing 98 homes and businesses in the Ellisville area. Commissioner Dupree said that the Utility is a business that the Board elected to get into and it should be treated as a business. Commissioner Dupree said that paying this amount of money will create a deficit in the utility and everyone is going to have to take on the cost of the Ellisville Utility. Commissioner Williams concurred with Commissioner Dupree and cautioned the Board that they were about to open a "can of worms."

Commissioner Weaver clarified the motion he placed on the floor:

MOTION to take money from the Economic Development Fund to pay for the residential impact fee in the area for the existing 98 residences. The motion carried 3-2 with Commissioner Williams and Commissioner Dupree voting in opposition.

Commissioner Weaver clarified that this was a vote to pay the impact fee for 98 residences only.

Commissioner Dupree wanted it noted for the record that if utilities ever go into his District, that he wants his constituents impact fees to be paid by the county just as they have been paid for the Ellisville residents.

Time Limits.

Consideration was given as to how much time should be allowed for repayment for hookup. The County Manager said that he believes the Board could go as high as 20 years if they so choose.

MOTION by Commissioner Weaver to extend repayment of impact fees over a period of five years for businesses in the mandatory service area. Second by Commissioner Frisina.

Commissioner Dupree suggested ten years for repayment, which is what was recommended in the rate study. Commissioner Bailey agreed. Commissioner Williams said that it is hard to know what the future holds for the county ten years from now, but it really doesn't matter, because the can of worms that was just opened with the last motion is huge.

The motion carried 3-2 with Commissioner Dupree and Bailey voting in opposition.

Summary of Action:

The County Manager summarized the actions of the Board:

- Adoption of four amendments to the Ordinance 2010-2
- An additional amendment requiring that potable water wells with backflow devices will not be required to be abandoned
- Tap fees will be required
- Impact fees will be mandatory, but those that qualify will have their impact fees paid for through the County's Economic Development Fund
- Commercial Impact fees may be amortized for a period not to exceed five years

Additional Motion:

MOTION by Commissioner Weaver, in order for the residential customer to qualify to have their impact fees paid, they must apply for service within 180 days of receiving notice of water availability. Second by Commissioner Dupree for discussion.

Commissioner Dupree said it will be imperative that a time limit is put into place once the laterals start being installed in the area. Because the laterals will mean more residences being hooked up to the system, which is the intent of the utility and how it works. He said that it is very important that everyone understand that utilities are suppose to be paid for from the residential, not the business

community. He told the Board that realistically speaking, considering the direction they are headed, they have 225 customers in Ellisville, not 98. He said the lateral lines have to be run in order to get the people good water. He said when the laterals are run, those existing residents who will be hooking on should not have to pay the impact fees if the original 98 are exempt from paying. He told the Board that suddenly they are going to see the cost of the utility double and the revenues go to nothing by exempting impact fees. Commissioner Weaver said the motion was only for the initial 98 customers identified under the initial hookup. Commissioner Dupree disagreed, because he said that those 98 of the customers could not be treated differently than future customers.

Commissioner Bailey asked where the additional laterals would go in. He said that it was his understanding the laterals were used to get water from the main line to the houses, and that the laterals would be used in the designated service area only. Commissioner Frisina agreed. He said that it was his understanding that only 98 of his constituents would be affected. The County Manager said that it would be up to the Board, but the Utility Committee is going to consider whether they wish to grow the utility further.

The County Manager clarified that laterals are typically sufficient size lines that are capable of serving more than one unit. He said the laterals are not as big as 6", because that size requires a DEP permit. He said that typically, you consider the need, do a cost pro forma, and go through the same process. He said that typically if someone requests service, all of the homes that the line passes in front of will be required to hook on. He said the system should pay for itself and also present industrial opportunities. The County Manager said that it is possible to expand the system, but notice by U.S. Mail would be required to each property owner that was affected. Based on the motion, those that connect when the laterals are run would be required to pay for the connection.

Attorney Armstrong told the Board that he was very disturbed by the motion to take money from the Economic Development Fund to pay for the residential impact fees for the existing 98 residences. He reminded the commissioners of his past comments that similarly situated people have to be treated similar. He explained that criteria must be established for treating the 98 residences different from the other residences that will be required to hook on in the future, if not, they are subjecting the county to lawsuits. He told the Board that he was having a very difficult time hearing the criteria distinction in their discussions.

Attorney Armstrong told the Board that they have been doing very well on their progress in bringing the Ellisville Utility Plan to this point. He reminded the Board of their past discussions that the utility is a "business." He encouraged the Commission to continue with that mindset. Otherwise, they may find themselves in a financial predicament. He told the Board that from a business point of view, they must think long term to avoid crippling the county.

Attorney Armstrong said that he understands allowing customers to pay connection and capacity fees over a period of five years. He said that he received the Florida Rules Water Study earlier in the day and has not had an opportunity to review it. He said that if that study recommends a customer be able to pay for their connection and capacity fees over a period of ten years,, that he would have some questions.

Commissioner Frisina asked Attorney Armstrong if the users could be treated differently if separate ordinances were adopted for each service zone. He replied that would be possible only if there has been criteria established for treating one group of people different than another group.

Commissioner Dupree clarified that it is his understanding the ordinance under consideration is a "countywide" ordinance. The county has already adopted the ordinance approving the service

area for Ellisville. For each new service area, the countywide ordinance would stand, and a new ordinance would be adopted by the Board that recognizes the new service area.

Attorney Armstrong replied that Commissioner Dupree's understanding was exactly right. He said that the Board must have a legal basis to treat the people in one service area different than those in future service areas are treated.

Commissioner Weaver said that he has always tried to help the people, but he has never wanted to hurt Columbia County in the process. He said that according to his understanding of what Attorney Armstrong has said, the action taken will hurt the county in the long run. He said rescinding his motion would be the right thing to do for the county.

MOTION by Commissioner Weaver, "I'll make a motion to rescind that motion that I made to exempt that [98 houses], and if that passes, I have another motion." Second by Commissioner Dupree.

Commissioner Weaver clarified he was rescinding the motion that would exempt the 98 residences from paying the required impact fee.

The Chair asked, "You rescinded the impact fee motion?"

Commissioner Weaver replied, "The exemption part."

Commissioner Frisina asked, "You've taken whole motion off the table is what you are saying?"

Chairman Williams, "Right."

Roll Call Vote:

Commissioner Bailey voted nay.	Commissioner Frisina voted aye.
Commissioner Dupree voted aye.	Commissioner Williams voted aye.
Commissioner Weaver voted aye.	

The motion carried 4-1.

Clerk's Note: Commissioner Frisina will change her vote later in the meeting making this vote 3 aye -2 nay.

MOTION by Commissioner Weaver to extend the time [to repay the hook up fees] to ten years. Second by Commissioner Dupree. The motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Weaver understood there was a question by Commissioner Dupree as to "where we are at with the impact fees." Commissioner Weaver clarified that the motion was only to rescind the exemption of the 98 residences, it was not to do away with the impact fee.

MOTION by Commissioner Dupree to apply the impact fee to all residential and commercial units within the service area.

Commissioner Weaver said that he believed "that" was included in his motion. He said, "I just took the exemption away...[inaudible]."

The Chair asked the Clerk if the motion was registered “that way.”

The Clerk answered that Commissioner Weaver did rescinded the “98 houses portion” of his motion.

With that explanation, Commissioner Frisina announced that she was changing her vote on the motion to “nay.”

Ordinance 2010-2

MOTION by Commissioner Dupree to adopt with amendments. Second by Commissioner Weaver.

Commissioner Comments:

Commissioner Frisina said that she understands the need for good water in the Ellisville area, and also understands that utilities in that area are critical to economic growth. She expressed that utilities and the operation of utilities are new to the County and that everyone is learning the building and operating process together. She said that she disagrees with putting a “once and for all” ordinance in place. She said that future commissioners may not comprehend the goals of the current Board in the same way. Therefore, she believes that each new site should be considered subjectively by the Board of County Commissioners and voted on under current circumstances. She said the Board needs to be able to have “another bite at the apple.” She said that she has a very hard time with government telling a person what they can and cannot do with their private property, and she feels there are other ways that the ordinance can be written to accomplish the county’s goals and still protect the public at the same time.

Commissioner Dupree said that he agrees with many of the things said by Commissioner Frisina, but stated there is no way to govern Columbia County and make everyone happy. He said that everyone has agreed that economic development should remain at the forefront. He reminded everyone that the County spent \$80,000 to develop an Economic Plan, while knowing that utilities would be the heart of the plan. He said that utilities are not about feeling good, and it’s not about helping or hurting anyone. He said that as uncomfortable as it is, the county must focus on the issue of protecting the Ichetucknee basin, providing clean water, and promoting economic development. He said, “Utilities are a business!” He said the only way that he would ever approve any utility is if the concept behind building the utility is that the utility would pay for itself by the users. He said the utility should be planned wisely and that the utility is structured so that it will pay for itself and that the burden would be as minimal as possible to the taxpayers.

Commissioner Bailey said that according to a past commissioner and the County Manager that when utilities were initially discussed, the constituents of District 4 were told that the utilities were for the commercial area and that the residents of the area would not be required to hook up to the utilities.

Commissioner Bailey said the more he hears about the laterals, the more he doesn’t like “any of that.” He said that a decision can made to grow the utility by running laterals, and then another large group of his constituents will be affected again. Commissioner Frisina voiced her agreement. He said as the District 4’s representative, he cannot support the ordinance as it was originally proposed or as amended.

Commissioner Weaver said that Commissioner Bailey and Commissioner Frisina were two of the three commissioners who served on the Utility Committee, and a unanimous recommendation was made to the Board of County Commissioners that the ordinance be approved. He said that he has a problem with the fact that they recommended approval, but are now voting in opposition. He said if Commissioner Frisina and Commissioner Bailey had problems with the Ordinance, the issues or problems should have been handled at the committee level and that they should have never recommended the Ordinance to the Board of County Commissioners if there were problems with it. He told the Commissioner Bailey and Commissioner Frisina that obviously, if two of the three commissioners objected to the Ordinance, the ordinance would have never made it to the Board of County Commissioners. He said that he was having a hard time understanding their actions.

Commissioner Frisina asked to respond to Commissioner Weaver's comments. Commissioner Williams said as Chairman it was his prerogative to not take anymore comments. He told Commissioner Frisina that he would make his comments and then he would call for the question.

Chairman Williams agreed with Commissioner Weaver. He said that every recommendation being talked about came from Commissioner Dupree, Commissioner Bailey and Commissioner Frisina. He said that Commissioner Bailey and Commissioner Frisina have never had any problems with their recommendations until now, when the room was full of constituents, they decide to make a grand stand. He recalled in meeting years ago, with a room full of his own constituents, that he had the nerve to vote in favor of putting a landfill in his district. He said that he had the nerve to stand up for what was right for Columbia County, even though it wasn't popular, he didn't want it in his district or a quarter of a mile from his house. He said there was a straw poll took on the Board as to whether or not the ordinance would be supported, and every commissioner said, "yes." He said he has a problem with commissioners riding the fence and playing politics. The Chair called for the vote.

Commissioner Frisina asked twice to respond to comments. Both times the Chair denied the request and called for the vote.

Roll Call Vote:

Commissioner Bailey voted nay.	Commissioner Frisina voted nay.
Commissioner Dupree voted aye.	Commissioner Williams voted aye.
Commissioner Weaver voted aye.	

The motion carried 3-2 with Commissioner Frisina and Commissioner Bailey voting in opposition.

Adjournment:

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 9:10 p.m.

ATTEST:

P. DeWitt Cason
Clerk of Circuit Court

Ronald Williams, Chairman
Board of County Commissioners

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COLUMBIA COUNTY
BOARD of COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Minutes of
April 01, 2010

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

Commissioners in Attendance:

Ronald Williams (Chairman)
Stephen Bailey
Dewey Weaver
Jody Dupree
Scarlet Frisina

Others in Attendance:

Asst. County Manager Lisa Roberts
Attorney Marlin Feagle
Deputy Clerk Sandy Markham
BCC Secretary Penny Stanley

Public Comments:

Citizen Stewart Lilker voiced opposition to the County revising the **bid process** in the **Purchasing Policy and Procedures Manual**. He said this made no sense and would only cost the taxpayers more money in difficult economic times. He asked that this not be passed.

Mr. Lilker said that he read an article in the Lake City Reporter earlier in the day that read the County Manager is planning to disregard parts of the **mandatory hookup** for **Ellisville**. Mr. Lilker asked that this be explained in more detail since treating one group of citizens differently from another group will only set the County up for lawsuits. He noted that the City does not have mandatory hookup unless the residence has reuse water.

Mr. Lilker addressed the agenda item "**Bascom Norris Connector Road**." Mr. Lilker asked why an expensive land purchase with an appraisal date of February 12, 2010, was not placed on the agenda before the day of the meeting. Mr. Lilker said regarding the land owners of this property, this is the "Same folks that can't pay their taxes on the **Blanche Hotel**, by the way." Mr. Lilker said there is an appraisal for \$696,000 and also an appraisal that is approximately \$50,000 less. Yet, "the group" is only willing to accept \$50,000 "more" than the highest appraisal. Mr. Lilker said times are tough and the County should not pay anything in excess of the appraisal.

Citizen Barbara Lemley said regarding the "**Bascom Norris Connector Road**." land purchase, that it made no sense to even consider paying more than the appraisal amount. She suggested a compromise would be to split the difference between the two appraisals. She recalled the County paid more than the appraised value on the property purchased on Birley Road for a **community center**. She said if the Board decides to pay top dollar that they should ask the property owners to throw in extra property for a park. She said the person negotiating and bargaining for the County needs to "tighten up."

Pop Warner Association

Reverend Alvin Baker who serves as the President on the advisory council for the Richardson Community Center/Annie Maddox North Park gave a power point presentation on **football and cheerleading** opportunities made available to the youth through **Pop Warner**. A request was made of the Board to financially assist this program in the amount of \$5,000 using year-end closeout monies. Mr. Mike Farrell said that as long as the children meet academic standards, they will be allowed to play. The fee to play last year was \$60 per child. That included insurance, helmet, and uniform for the child. That fee did not cover the cost of equipment, referees, etc. Chairman Williams said that the County would consider their request for year-end funding along with the many other requests received. He encouraged the organization to make a formal request for funding during the budget process next year.

Supervisor of Elections' Space Need Analysis

As requested, Commissioner Weaver worked with the **Supervisor of Elections** and Architects Craig Salley & Associates on generating the additional **square footage needed** for the Supervisor of Elections' Office to operate within the law to comply with early voting requirements. Mr. Weaver reviewed the proposed plan and recommended the County pay the nonrecurring cost to create the needed space, which totals \$44,972.65. See the documents attached to the original minutes for plan details.

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

Regional Utilities Meeting Report

At the February 23, 2010, Joint City/County meeting a committee was appointed to determine whether a **regional utility** would be possible; something that has never been officially determined. The appointments of the City and County met. Commissioner Dupree said that the County was hopeful that the City would be interested in participating in a feasibility study to determine a **governmental water rate**, and study to determine what direction should be taken in order to create a regional utility. Commissioner Dupree said in short that the City expressed no interest in participating in the cost of the study themselves. However, if the County wanted to move forward with the study at the county's expense, once complete, the City would then consider the outcome of the study.

Commissioner Dupree asked if the Board wanted to pay for the **feasibility studies**, understanding in advance that this may do nothing to move the City and the County any closer to a Regional Utility. Before making a final decision, Commissioner Dupree suggested that a RFP be drafted to determine what the study would actually cost the County.

MOTION by Commissioner Weaver to have staff prepare an RFP for the purpose of determining what it would cost to do an intergovernmental rate study. Second by Commissioner Dupree. The motion carried unanimously.

EMS Committee Report

At the February 23, 2010, Joint City/County meeting a committee was appointed to try to reach a consensus on issues pertaining to **EMS services**. Commissioner Dupree reported City Manager Johnson obviously went to a lot of effort to draft an RFP. Commissioner Dupree said that the County representatives had issues with two of the tasks in the RFP. One of the tasks was to determine what it would cost to **privatize EMS services** in the City, and it was assumed in the County as well. It was agreed that this task would be pulled and the City would pay for this task as a separate issue.

The second task presenting an issue was with funding sources to pay for EMS. He said the RFP took a different direction than what was anticipated by some. He said that he and others understood the RFP's purpose would be to help determine exactly what dollar amount the City owed the County for services, not "if" the City owed the County for the services.

Commissioner Dupree said that considering the way the RFP was written, there was no way for the consultant to subjectively determine whether the City owed the County money or not, based on the information provided.

Commissioner Dupree said that Attorney Peele and City Manager Johnson voted in favor of the proposed RFP, and that he, along with the County Manager, Citizen Donald Hall and Citizen Mike Lee voted in opposition.

Commissioner Dupree said the County Manager had revamped the City Managers RFP. The City Manager then decided he would not support changing the RFP. Instead City Manager Johnson advised that he would present the City Council with his RFP and request that the Council move forward with the RFP and pay for the entire cost of the study being born by the City.

Commissioner Dupree said that in the end, the committee was not able to reach a consensus.

Commissioner Dupree asked that a letter of appreciation be sent to Mr. Hall for serving on the committee for the county.

Commissioner Weaver said that he told County Manager Williams in advance of the committee meeting that it appeared that a conclusion had already been made, and that the RFP was written to support that conclusion.

Commissioner Bailey agreed with Commissioner Dupree and said that from the time he came onto the Board that EMS was a hot topic. He said that he was hopeful that a resolution would be reached with the City regarding EMS, but he could not support the County paying for a study that would tell the City how they should be charged for EMS, or how the County should fund EMS out of their budgets. Commissioner Bailey said that it appears the County is headed back down the same path once again and that for him, this is "yet another nail in the coffin." He recalled that the County has offered to let the City go into the EMS business if they so choose and to give them the **COCPN** that they need.

Commissioner Williams said he was ready for the City to go into their own business. He said that he is tired of fighting this battle. He suggested the City go into the EMS business if they

can operate their EMS services cheaper. He suggested a letter be written advising the City that they will need to operate their own rescue services.

Commissioner Dupree said that EMS is responding to approximately 11,000 calls per year. He said that the \$250,000 discussed was not as much about reimbursement as it was about being able to have more EMS services to respond to the large volume of calls for emergency assistance. He said that it is his understanding that **privatization** is not a direction the Board of County Commissioners intends to take.

Commissioner Bailey said that he would not support privatization because the County loses their control factors pertaining to response times and more. He said EMS should remain under the control of the Board. Commissioner Williams agreed with Commissioner Bailey.

Commissioner Dupree said that he hates to take the matter off of the table until he is certain of the action the City has taken on the City Manager's RFP. He said if the Council approved the City Manager's RFP, then he feels it is time to notify the City that it's time for them to get into the EMS business.

The Chair said that a decision would be made on the matter at the second Board meeting next month.

Commissioner Bailey asked if possible for staff draft a letter Monday morning to each of the City Council members advising of the County's position. Staff agreed.

Consent Agenda

- (1) External Budget **Amendment – Sheriff's Office - #5 – BA #09-13 - Operating Expenses \$18,095.00**
- (2) External **Budget Amendment – Sheriff's Office - #6 – BA #09-14 – Subsistence Costs Generated at the Detention Facility – \$2,185.42**
- (3) **Pipeline Contractors, Inc. – Change Order #1 – Ellisville Water System Improvements – 1-75 North Water Main Installation – \$51,449.30 (deductive)**
- (4) GWP, Inc. – Change Order #2 – **Ellisville Water System Improvements - Expansion to US 441 – \$30,071.40**
- (5) Columbia County 911 Emergency Communication Center – Requesting to fill **Dispatch Position Vacancy**
- (6) Public Library – Requesting to fill **Library Branch Manager III Vacancy**
- (7) Solid Waste – Requesting to fill **Equipment Operator II Vacancy**
- (8) Amended **Agreement - Columbia County Health Department/Columbia County Board of County Commissioners – FY 2009-2010.**
- (9) Purchasing – One Year Extension – Care Environmental Group – **Collection and Disposal of Household Hazardous Waste – contract renewal.**

- (10) **Purchasing – Approval of a Quote from Ring Power – Landfill Compactor – Piggybacking off New River Solid Waste Association Bid No. 08-01 - \$563,173.00**
- (11) **County Planner – Request for Subdivision Preliminary Plat Approval Extensions – SD 0222 – Cypress Lake Business Park – March 19, 2011, SD 0234 – Windswept Industrial Subdivision, Unit 3 – July 19, 2011, PRD – Price Creek – April 19, 2011 – PRD – Price Creek, Unit 2 – April 19, 2011**
- (12) **Florida Highway Patrol – Seven (7) Kustom Golden Eagle Radars – Request to Transfer from Florida Highway Patrol to Sheriff's Office**
- (13) **Resolution – Florida Association of Counties Trust – Expanding Capabilities of the Insurance Trust to Provide Additional Lines of Coverage for Member Counties**
- (14) **Agreement – Clay Electric Cooperative, Inc. / Columbia County Board of County Commissioners – Encroachment – Ellisville Fire Station**
- (15) **Agreement – Scaff's, Inc. / Columbia County Board of County Commissioners – Ellisville Utilities – Share Costs & Expenses for the Operation, Improvement & Maintenance of Easements & Piping System**
- (16) **Agreement – Florida Department of Transportation -Traffic Signal Maintenance and Compensation Agreement – Amendment #1**
- (17) **Minute Approval – Board of County Commissioners/Industrial Development Authority – Joint Workshop – February 11, 2010**
- (18) **Minute Approval – Board of County Commissioners – Scheduled Meeting – March 2, 2010**
- (19) **Minute Approval – Board of County Commissioners – Workshop – March 2, 2010**
- (20) **Minute Approval – Board of County Commissioners – Regular Meeting – March 18, 2010**
- (21) **Utility Permit – Comcast Cable – SW Neighbors Glen**
- (22) **Utility Permit – Comcast Cable – SE Alfred Markham Street**
- (23) **Public Works – Declaration of Surplus Property – Items to be Sold at Auction – 1989 Chevy Truck, Mileage 175,618, County ID 5154, and 1993 Ford Pickup, Mileage 176,531, County ID 07884**
- (24) **Human Resource – Approval of Position Descriptions – 911 Public Safety Telecommunicator I and 911 Public Safety Telecommunicators II .**
- (25) **Human Resource – Request to Unfreeze Position – Placing Employee from Equipment Operator II to a General Laborer**
- (26) **Contract for Employment – Mosquito Control Operator – James M. Albritton - \$7.87 per hour**

from April 2010 till October 2010

- (27) **Contract for Employment** – Mosquito Control Operator – Ronald O. Brooks - \$7.87 per hour from April 2010 till October 2010
- (28) **Contract for Employment** – Mosquito Control Operator – **Ronald W. Hanks Sr.** - \$7.87 per hour from April 2010 till October 2010
- (29) **Contract for Employment** – Mosquito Control Operator – **Robert L. Timmons** - \$7.87 per hour from April 2010 till October 2010
- (30) **Contract for Employment** – **Mosquito Control Operator** – Jerry V. Ward - \$7.87 per hour from April 2010 till October 2010
- (31) Building and Zoning – Request for Approval – **Special Family Lot Permit** – William D. **Porter** – **Margaret Witt**, Parcel Owner

Commissioner Bailey announced he had two items to pull from the consent agenda. Commissioner Frisina stated that she also had items to pull.

MOTION by Commissioner Weaver to approve the Consent Agenda. Second by Commissioner Bailey.

The Chair asked if there were any items to be pulled for clarification.

Commissioner Bailey asked that items #14 and #15 be pulled. He said that he believes there is a conflict on the Board with item #15.

Commissioner Frisina said that she would not be voting on item #18 since she and two other commissioners (Weaver and Bailey) were not at that particular meeting.

Commissioner Weaver asked if items #14 and #15 need to be pulled from the agenda with no action to be taken or if they were pulled for clarification purposes. Chairman Williams replied the items were pulled for clarification.

Commissioner Bailey stated that item #14 needs to be pulled completely from the consent agenda. He said the Board could take action on #15, but a conflict needs to be declared on #15.

The Chair announced the three consent agenda items were pulled from the vote.

The motion carried unanimously.

MOTION by Commissioner Weaver to **pull item 14** from tonight's meeting. Second by Commissioner Dupree.

Attorney Feagle explained that he needs to review the indemnification agreement further and that there are a couple of other items to be looked at.

The motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Dupree said that he needed to declare a **conflict of interest on item #15** for reasons previously noted. The Chair stated, "So note." The Chair asked Assistant County Manager Roberts to prepare the necessary paperwork for the Commissioner to abstain from the vote. Commissioner Dupree informed the Chair that he had already completed the "paperwork."

MOTION by Commissioner Weaver to approve item #15. Second by Commissioner Bailey. The motion carried 4-0 with Commissioner Dupree abstaining from the vote.

MOTION by Commissioner Dupree to approve item #18. Second by Commissioner Bailey. Voting in favor of the motion was Commissioner Williams and Commissioner Dupree. Abstaining from the vote was Commissioners Weaver, Bailey and Frisina.

Revision of Purchasing Policy and Procedures

Assistant County Manager Roberts said that in accordance with the Board's request, Section 304.6.3 of the **County's Purchasing Policy and Procedures Manual** has been revised relative to the local bid preference. The revision provides for a sliding scale for purchases under local bidding preference, and the preference percentage decreases as the amount of the project increases. The revision further defines "resident" and provides a scoring system in the event more than one bidder is entitled to preference as a resident of the County. In the event the local business is not the lowest bidder but is tentatively awarded the bid as a result of **local bid preference**, the award shall be contingent upon the local bidder reducing their bid amount to no more than the overall gross bid of the otherwise lowest qualified bidder. This policy will not apply to projects where federal or state funding is involved and where local preference is prohibited. This is the first presentation of the revised policy. The Board was asked to provide comment after they have taken time to review the proposed revisions. This revision will come back to the Board for action at the next Board meeting.

Bascom Norris Connector Road

Two appraisals have been received on Parcel #6, which is owned by **Lake Jeffery Land Trust**. The parcel is located south of Lake Jeffery Road, west of New Millennium Steel Factory and North of CSX Railroad. The property is approximately 21.76 acres and is required in connection with the **Bascom Norris Connector Road Project**.

Appraisals were provided by Candler Appraisal Services, Inc. [\$653,000] and Appraisals Services Company [\$696,300]. The Lake Jeffery Land Trust has agreed to accept the higher of the two appraisals, and to sale to the County with the condition that the closing be expedited. Staff requested approval of the offer and an expedited closing.

MOTION by Commissioner Dupree to offer to purchase the property at \$674,000, based on the appraisals. Commissioner Dupree said the amount would be splitting the difference between the two appraisals. Second by Commissioner Weaver. The motion carried unanimously.

Non-Agenda Items

Commissioner Frisina recalled the resolution recently passed by the Board supporting the designation of an Enterprise Zone. **House Bill 843** with companion **Senate Bill 1724** is sponsored by Representative Debbie Boyd and Senator Charlie Dean.

Commissioner Frisina explained that Columbia County does not currently have a demographic area that qualifies for an enterprise zone, but the bill will cover all three **RACEC** areas for the state. An enterprise zone would be an additional marketing tool for the RACEC catalyst site in Columbia and Suwannee County. She said that an Enterprise Zone provides additional tax credits and will be an incentive for industry to locate in the area. The Bill must go through two more committees before making it to the House and Senate floor.

Commissioner Weaver thanked Commissioner Frisina representing Columbia County in Tallahassee on this matter. Commissioner Frisina voiced that she enjoyed the experience.

Commissioner Dupree said there would be a **town hall meeting** held in his district toward the end of the month. Once the date, time and location are determined, the meeting will be advertised in the newspaper.

Chairman Williams addressed the **Florida Crown** issue with Commissioner Weaver. He told him that it was very important that he move forward with reaching a resolution with Florida Crown. He said to get with staff to set up a meeting.

Commissioner Weaver replied that staff is working on this. Commissioner Weaver said for the benefit of the Board that he intends to "go with" the directions given by the Board of County Commissioners in the past, unless formal action is taken to change those directives. A meeting will be scheduled within five days.

Commissioner Williams said that his son arrived home from Afghanistan last week. He expressed appreciation for all of the prayers and encouraged everyone to continue in their prayers for all other service personnel.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

ATTEST:

P. DeWitt Cason
Clerk of Circuit Courts

Ronald Williams, Chairman
Board of County Commissioners