

COLUMBIA COUNTY BOARD of COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Minutes of
August 05, 2010

The 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. The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America followed.

Commissioners in Attendance:

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

Others in Attendance:

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

Proposed Agenda

MOTION by Commissioner Frisina to accept the agenda as presented. Second by Commissioner Bailey. The motion carried unanimously.

Citizen Input

Citizen Stewart Lilker said the County Manager's Annual Report posted on the county's website earlier in the day referenced an anticipated \$120,000 **subsidy for the Ellisville Utility**. Mr. Lilker said that candidate Mark Kazmerski is reporting the subsidy to be \$300,000. He asked if Mr. Kazmerski was correct, why Mr. Kazmerski had been provided with the correct information and incorrect information was being disseminated on the county's website.

Mr. Lilker asked why the **invoices for County Engineer John Colson** are no longer on the Consent Agenda for approval.

Mr. Lilker said that over the past four weeks he has asked twice in Board meetings why an RFQ was not put out for engineering services on the **Westside Community Center**. Mr. Lilker said he would still like his question answered. He also asked who on the county staff performed a cost benefit analysis of a building relating to the sprinkler system. Mr. Lilker said he wanted to respond to Commissioner Dupree's remarks at the last meeting regarding his [Lilker] "ignorant remarks" relating to fire, profit and loss. Mr. Lilker began to explain how some contractors can do a job for so little when his 5 minute time allowance to speak expired.

Commissioner Williams asked the County Manager to answer Mr. Lilker's questions and to make the answers a part of the minutes.

County Manager Report

County Manager Williams reviewed the Annual County Manager's report. That report is attached to the original minutes. Topics reviewed were:

Review of 2009 Recommendations Update

- Developing ideas on reducing expenditure for FY 2009-2010
- Actions/recommendations for assisting local businesses during the economic downturn
- Addressing administrative space needs
- Placing IDA under the Board of County Commissioners
- Replacement of key personnel and department head succession
- Completion of the Fort White Library

Financial Review of 2008-2009

- Incomplete 08-09 Audit; No major findings anticipated

Financial Review of 2009-2010

- Began year with less revenue
- No new taxes adopted
- Major reduction in expenditures

Budget Issues for FY 2010-2011

- Revenue reductions
- Concern of County Reserves
- Decline in Property Taxes
- Employee health insurance increase
- Florida Retirement System increase
- Payment of Juvenile Justice expenditures
- The cost to merge fire and EMS
- Overtime for fire, EMS, and 911
- Inmate Work Squad reduction
- Right-of-Way acquisition expense relating to the Bascom Norris Connector Road
- Ellisville Utility Project subsidy
- Increase in telephonic communication expense
- Four new administrative positions
- Road Improvement Projects
- Funding for Building & Zoning

2010 Legislative Report

- Solid Waste Grant Funding reduction
- State Aid to Libraries Grant funded
- SCRAP funded at a reduced level
- RACEC catalyst sites to become Enterprise Zones
- Increased employer contributions to the Florida Retirement System
- Mandate new training certification, testing and hiring requirement for E-911 Dispatchers effective Oct. 01, 2012

Recommendations

- Installation of internet based (VOip) phones
- Reject ARRA grant for new Eastside Fire Department
- Appointment of Charter Review Commission
- Winfield Solid Waste Facility Class III expansion
- Bid for solid waste collection

- Approve a non advalorem rate study prior to 2011 tax bill
- Schedule a workshop to review county-wide fire coverage, ISO ratings, ISO changes and changes to the deliver of service, if any.
- Purchasing a document management system
- Montgomery Building; upgrade and property use
- Schedule a strategic planning workshop
- Schedule a meeting between the County and the IDA to discuss tax abatement

Bascom Norris Connector Project Right-of-Way

Acquisition Resolution by Attorney Feagle

Negotiations are ongoing regarding the foregoing properties and appear to be promising. However, due to project timelines, and a possible setback with negotiations, Attorney Feagle requested the Board approve eminent domain resolutions.

(a) **Lowes, Inc.** Attorney Feagle read the caption of the resolution.

MOTION to adopt resolution by Commissioner Weaver. Second by Commissioner Bailey. The motion carried unanimously.

(b) **Overflow Land Trust.** Attorney Feagle read the caption of the resolution.

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

Bascom Norris Connector Project Right-of-Way

Acquisition Resolution by Attorney Heath Stokley of Neighbors, Giblin & Nickerson

(a) **Giles Property**

MOTION to adopt resolution by Commissioner Bailey. Second by Commissioner Frisina. The motion carried unanimously.

Voice Over IP Telecommunications

County Purchasing Director Ben Scott and County I.T. Director Todd Manning gave a PowerPoint presentation on the benefit and savings of upgrading to this telephone system. The initial cost of this system is \$424,024.24. The anticipated annual savings is \$116,467. Should the Board approve the foregoing, the cost would likely come from the General Fund. The entire presentation is attached.

MOTION by Commissioner Weaver to move forward. Second by Commissioner Bailey. The motion carried unanimously.

Consent Agenda

MOTION by Commissioner Bailey to approve the Consent Agenda. Second by Commissioner Frisina. The motion carried unanimously.

Consent Agenda

- (1) External Budget Amendment – Sheriff’s Office #10 – BA #09-29 – Subsistence Costs Generated at Detention Facility – May-June 2010 - \$3,915.15
- (2) Amended External Budget Amendment – Public Works Department – BA #09-27 – Equipment Purchases – BCC Approved July 15, 2010
- (3) 9-1-1 Combined Dispatch – Uniform & Clothing Policy
- (4) Notification to State – 9-1-1 Coordinator – Sandy Waschek
- (5) Resolution Number 2010R-28 – Florida Boating Improvement Program Grant – NW Cone Bridge Road – Cone Bridge Boat Ramp
- (6) Resolution Number 2010R-30 – Florida Boating Improvement Program Grant – SE Osprey Drive – Bible Camp Road Boat Ramp
- (7) Interlocal Agreement - Tourist Development Council/Board of County Commissioners – Creating Florida’s Suwannee River Valley Marketing Group
- (8) Code Enforcement Board – Resignation – Frank Robedeau
- (9) Roadside Memorial Marker – Roy White, Deceased – County Road 246 at Intersection of Fallen Creek Road
- (10) Roadside Memorial Marker – Fredrick Archibald MacClean, Jr., Deceased – Sisters Welcome Road at Left side of Guardrail at Cannon Creek Airpark
- (11) Purchasing – Fort White Library – Shelving and Furniture Quotes – Recommending Florida Library Designs, Inc. - \$33,425.22
- (12) Columbia County Health Department – Activities and Expenditures – Period Ending June 30, 2010
- (13) Public Works Department – Tree Removal – Baugh Road – BCC Acknowledgement of The Work Performed on Private Property is Requested – Significant Safety Hazard to Motoring Public
- (14) Utility Permit – Comcast Cable – S.W. Sisters Welcome Road
- (15) Veterans Service – Requesting Special Travel Authorization – Susan Melton – Training Conference in Clearwater
- (16) Suwannee River Economic Council, Inc. – (S.H.I.P.) – Release of Lien – Charlotte Redish Dennard - \$2,000.00

- (17) License Agreement - Florida Department of Transportation/Columbia County Board of County Commissioners –Requesting to Tie into the County’s Retention Pond for the Purpose of Constructing a Sidewalk on Lake City Avenue
- (18) Indigent Burial – ICS Cremation & Funeral Home – Ruth H. Leis, Deceased - \$500.00
- (19) Public Works Department – Declaration of Junk Property – Laptop Computer, County ID # 12678
- (20) Minute Approval – Board of County Commissioners – Regular Meeting – July 1, 2010
- (21) External Budget Amendment – Public Library – BA #09-28 – Replacing Computers at the Main & West Branch Libraries - \$12,855.00
- (22) Change Order – Fort White Library – Peter Brown Construction, Inc. – Direct Purchased Materials - -\$71,794.57 (deductive)
- (23) Resolution – Special Permit 0017 – River Dock – Robert F. Jordan
- (24) Purchasing – Pitney Bowes Postage Meter Leases – EMS Billing \$209.63 monthly and BCC Administration \$271.44 monthly
- (25) Public Works – Request to Enter Private Property – Removal of Two (2) Large Trees – 158 County Road 238 - Gerald Koneig, Property Owner
- (26) Human Resource – Position Description – 911 Public Safety Telecommunicator Supervisor
- (27) Utility Permit – AT&T SE Florida – County Road 252
- (28) Utility Permit – AT&T SE Florida – SW English Street
- (29) Approval of Letter Requesting Columbia County RACEC Site to be Designated an Enterprise Zone
- (30) Columbia County Health Department – Declaration of Surplus Property – (see attached list)
- (31) Purchasing – Approval of Continuing Contract – Engineering Services – Malcolm Pirnie, Inc.

Cooperstown Dreams Park Update

The County Manager gave an update. Cooperstown has entered into an agreement with the City of Newberry [Alachua County], and there is a *no compete clause* in place. Cooperstown has made no contact with Columbia County for several months. The Commission agreed to notify Cooperstown that Columbia County intends to pursue other opportunities.

MOTION by Commissioner Weaver to move forward with terminating the relationship with Cooperstown and to notify them of the decision. Second by Commissioner Frisina. The motion carried unanimously.

Funeral Home Rotation

The Board considered a disputed invoice from Guerry Funeral Home that was denied for payment by staff. Guerry Funeral Home was removed from the county's rotation list due to their increase in charges. For this reason, all agencies were notified that Guerry Funeral Home had been removed from the rotating list and was no longer a provider for transporting bodies to the Medical Examiner's Office in Jacksonville. Several weeks after the notice went out, an officer from the Lake City Police Department requested Guerry transport a body, which they did.

MOTION by Commissioner Weaver to pay the standard rate of the county contract. Second by Commissioner Frisina.

Commissioner Frisina asked that the approved list be redistributed again.

The motion carried unanimously.

Howard Lee Johnson Restitution

Howard Lee Johnson was ordered through the courts to pay restitution [\$2,934.32] to the county for cleaning up the illegal waste tire disposal site he created. Staff requested permission to enter onto private property for the purpose of removing tires. The County Manager will speak with the courts to determine exactly how and when the county can expect to be reimbursed.

MOTION by Commissioner Dupree to enter the site for cleanup. Second by Commissioner Frisina. The motion carried unanimously.

911 Communications Center Project

The Board considered the *Statement of Work* from Windbourne and Costas Management and Technology Consultants. The County Manager has met with the Communications Committee. County Manager Williams recommended the Board approve paying fifty percent of the cost of the *Statement of Work*.

MOTION by Commissioner Weaver to approve paying 50%. Second by Commissioner Frisina. The motion carried unanimously.

Non-Agenda Items

Commissioner Williams asked permission to override ballots for speed humps on the following Roads: Fryer, Jem, Brooklyn, Buddy, Rose, Lily, Labelle and Clermont.

MOTION by Commissioner Weaver to approve the speed humps. Second by Commissioner Frisina. The motion carried unanimously.

Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

ATTEST:

P. DeWitt Cason
Clerk of Circuit Court

Ronald Williams, Chairman
Board of County Commissioners