

**COLUMBIA COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

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

**CONSENT AGENDA**

**FEBRUARY 15, 2011**

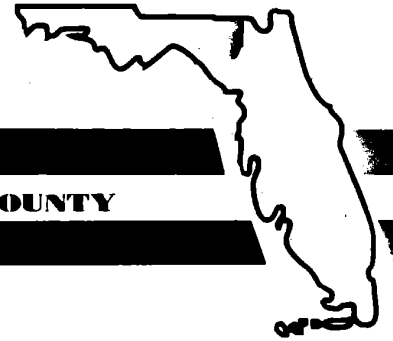
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- (1) Public Works - Request Approval - County Road 18 - Repairs to Asphalt, Grassing and Road Striping - \$35,000**
  - (2) Suwannee River Economic Council, Inc. - (S.H.I.P.) - Release of Lien Agreement - Mary E. Hornsby Summerall - \$3,000.00**
  - (3) Four Rivers Audubon Society - Requesting Approval & Use of Pole Barn - Alligator Lake Spring Festival - April 9, 2011 from 8:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M.**
  - (4) Letter of Agreement - Contract for Services - Board of County Commissioners/Ing Consulting Group, Inc. - Recovery Services**
  - (5) Minute Approval - Board of County Commissioners - Regular Meeting - September 16, 2010**

District No. 1 - Ronald Williams  
District No. 2 - Rusty DePratter  
District No. 3 - Jody DuPree  
District No. 4 - Stephen E. Bailey  
District No. 5 - Scarlet P. Frisina

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#1



**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS • COLUMBIA COUNTY**

**MEMORANDUM**

**TO:** Dale Williams, County Manager  
**FROM:** Kevin Kirby, Public Works Director *KJK*  
**DATE:** January 26, 2011  
**SUBJECT:** CR 18

We have had discussions regarding the deterioration of CR18 on the Eastern portion of US 41. The area in question is approximately 400' long.

After receiving soil engineering data, it has been revealed that the presence of A-7 materials has caused the deterioration.

All work to correct this deterioration can be performed in house with the exception asphalt installation, grassing and road striping. As a result, I am requesting funds of \$35,000 to cover the construction costs that will be incurred exclusive of our in-house expenses.

Please advise approval of this project to include the funds necessary for the additional construction expenses.

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

#2

This Instrument Prepared by & return to:  
Name: **TRISH LANG, an employee of  
NORTH CENTRAL FLORIDA TITLE,  
LLC**  
Address: **343 NW COLE TERRACE, SUITE 101  
LAKE CITY, FLORIDA 32055  
10Y-08024**  
Parcel I.D. #: **07010-001**

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**RELEASE OF LIEN AGREEMENT UNDER  
STATE HOUSING INITIATIVES PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM**

**Whereas** MARY E. HORNSBY, executed and delivered to Columbia County, Florida, a political subdivision existing under the laws of the State of Florida, that certain lien agreement under State Housing Initiatives Partnership Program dated October 3, 2003, and recorded in Official Records Book 996 Page 1960, public records of Columbia County, Florida, granting to Columbia County, Florida a lien against the following described real property situated in Columbia County, Florida, to-wit:

AS DESCRIBED THEREIN

**Whereas**, MARY E. HORNSBY, has paid to Columbia County, Florida, the sum of \$3,000.00 in reimbursement and repayment of funds paid to or for the benefit of, Columbia County, to assist in the purchase of the above described property.

**Now Therefore**, in consideration of the sum of \$3,000.00, and other good and valuable considerations, the receipt whereof are hereby acknowledged, Columbia County, Florida hereby releases and cancels the lien held against the above described real property by virtue of the afore described lien agreement under State Housing Initiatives Partnership Program.

**In Witness Whereof**, Columbia County, Florida, a political subdivision existing under the laws of the State of Florida as caused these presents to be executed this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_.

**COLUMBIA COUNTY, FLORIDA (SHIP)**

By \_\_\_\_\_  
Authorized Agent

State of Florida  
County of \_\_\_\_\_

I hereby certify that on this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, before me, the subscriber, a Notary Public of the State aforesaid, personally appeared \_\_\_\_\_ who acknowledged himself/herself to be the agent of COLUMBIA COUNTY, FLORIDA (SHIP), the holder of the Mortgage referred to above and that he/she executed the foregoing Release of Mortgage for the purposes therein contained by signing the name of COLUMBIA COUNTY, FLORIDA (SHIP), as its agent, and that the facts set forth therein are true.

WITNESS my hand and notarial seal.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Notary Public  
My Commission Expires: \_\_\_\_\_

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## Four Rivers Audubon Society

P.O. Box 596, Lake City, FL 32056

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Columbia County Board of Commissioners  
Columbia County

Jan. 24, 2011

Dale Williams – County Manager  
Board of County Commissioners – Columbia County  
P.O. Box 1529  
Lake City, FL 32056-1529

Dear Mr. Williams and County Commissioners,

Last April, along with support from the County, Four Rivers Audubon and the Gateway Wildlife Habitat Organization held the Alligator Lake Spring Festival. With close to 400 attendees the event was a huge success. Even before the activities were over people were asking us if we would be planning the event for this year. Our answer is a resounding YES!

We have chosen the date, April 9, 2011 and reserved the pole barn adjacent to the Lake. Once again the event is to be a one day (8:00-4:00) family event reaching out to the communities in Lake City and surrounding Columbia County. The purpose of the event will be to underscore the importance of this wonderful park as both a water resource (headwaters of the Ichetucknee River) as well as the valuable natural resource it is. Activities will be designed to engage and educate folks about water, healthy yards, birds, flowers, plants and enjoying the outdoors. We plan to include nature walks, educational displays and vendors as well as several speakers. Many local residents have never even visited the park. It is a natural classroom for teaching about our environment and the economic benefits of protecting Columbia County's natural resources.

The level of excitement surrounding this event is high. We look forward to your support and would like to personally extend an invitation to all of you to join us for a celebration of our wonderful community park.

Respectfully submitted,

*Jacqui Sulek*  
Jacqui Sulek  
Co- President  
Four Rivers Audubon

Dale, Jacqui and I, as well as our organization,  
really appreciate your kind interest  
and support.

Thank you, *Wye*



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*Over \$100,000,000 in savings and \$15,000,000 in refunds.*

#4

Mr. Dale Williams  
Columbia County  
PO Box 1529  
Lake City, Florida 32056-1529

January 28, 2011

Dear Mr. Williams:

We have good reason to believe that we can recover over \$10,000.00 of prepaid taxes for Columbia County and save even more going forward. Our firm has recovered over \$15,000,000 in prepaid taxes for our clients during the past 15 years. The clients received very clear refund checks and our staff completes all of the necessary work to recover the refunds with less than 20 minutes of client staff time.

Our firm also created savings of over \$100,000,000 for our clients. These savings are clearly displayed as rebates or volume reductions and credits on monthly invoices and statements. That is why our clients are always completely assured of the exact amount of the savings and credits.

Administrative labor savings and operational efficiencies combined with volume discounts are the key to many savings. The systems developed in working with over 1,500 clients allows our clients access to refunds, special rebates and savings that are based on administrative and operational efficiencies for the client and vendors, as well as some negotiated pricing based on huge volumes of purchases.

Our clients take no risks because we work on a contingency for both savings and refunds. Clients only pay us a percentage of the savings and refunds after they receive the refunds or savings credits.

I look forward to the opportunity to speak with you briefly to prove the value of our services for Columbia County. You have nothing to lose but savings, discounts, rebates, and refunds.

Sincerely,

Edgar A. Inglis, President

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Board of County Commissioners  
Columbia County

Mr. Dale Williams  
Columbia County  
PO Box 1529  
Lake City, Florida 32056-1529

January 28, 2011

Dear Mr. Williams:

I enjoyed speaking with Judy yesterday to discuss the approval of the attached contract. Judy advised that it will be added to the agenda for approval at the next council meeting on February 24. We look forward to serving Columbia County with refunds and future savings from our program. I spoke with you quite some time ago and will call before the meeting to make sure you are completely confident in presenting this program to Council.

The enclosed proposal is specific to Columbia County and based on good information. I fully expect that you will agree that our proposal creates substantial value once we have a few minutes to discuss this. The recoveries are very real and due to all public agencies in the country by law. I look forward to speaking with you to prove the benefits of the enclosed.

Sincerely,

Edgar A. Inglis, President  
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# ING CONSULTING GROUP, INC

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## LETTER OF AGREEMENT (CONTRACT FOR SERVICE)

Ing Consulting Group, Inc. offers a service to recover and save excise taxes paid by Columbia County (Client) as well as create savings on future purchases. The Client hereby contracts with Ing Consulting Group, Inc. (Firm) to file for said recoveries for the previous years and the current year and create future savings in the form of refunds, purchase volume reductions and discounts, rebates, and credits for the following four years. Annual renewals will be offered for Client approval via future renewal letter for following years.

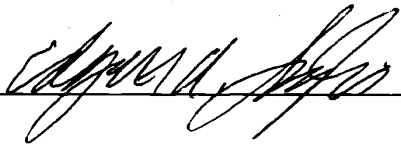
Now, whereas the Firm has invested substantial amounts of time, expense and effort in researching the legal and accounting requirements and whereas the Firm has performed analysis procedures necessary to disclose the recovery and will invest more effort to secure said refunds, purchase volume reductions and discounts, rebates, and credits; the Firm will charge a fee equal to 50% of the refunds, purchase volume reductions and discounts, rebates, and credits reflected on Client invoices or statements. The Client herein agrees to pay this fee to the Firm within fifteen (15) days of receipt by the Client of each amount. The benefits of this contract inure to the heirs, successors and assigns of the Firm.

The Client recognizes that the information concerning the methodology, content and concepts resulting in recoveries and savings will not be disseminated or shared with any other party without prior written consent from the Firm. Exemption from this will be granted in the event of a legal Freedom of Information request to the Client with notice to the Firm. The above stated terms and conditions are accepted by the following officials of the parties if the executed agreement is returned within 60 days of January 28, 2011.

Columbia County, Florida

Ing Consulting Group, Inc.

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

By: \_\_\_\_\_  


\_\_\_\_\_  
Printed Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Edgar A. Inglis  
Printed Name

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Title

\_\_\_\_\_  
President  
Title

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

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January 28, 2011  
Date

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**COLUMBIA COUNTY BOARD of COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

Minutes of  
**September 16, 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

**Agenda Additions/Deletions**

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

**Public Comment**

Citizen Stewart Lilker asked the Board if they knew who created the political display made up of cow dung and tombstones in front of the courthouse. No names were provided.

Mr. Lilker said he noticed a "county consultant" at the joint meeting between the City and the County "the other night." He asked who approved "that" contract and when and who it was approved by.

The County Manager answered that the contract was approved by Sheriff Hunter. In addition to doing the 911 upgrade work, "he" does work for the Sheriff. The Sheriff is then reimbursed by the County.

Mr. Lilker requested that he be provided with a copy of the Positron Contract.

Mr. Lilker made reference to the "the interlocal agreement" between the City, County and the Sheriff Department. He said that according to the agreement, the Director of the Communications Center is supposed to be in charge and is answerable to the Executive Board. Mr. Lilker asked why the agreement was disregarded at the meeting "the other night."

Mr. Lilker asked that staff address the secondary effluents that will be pumped into the spray field when addressing other items ...[inaudible].

The County Manager responded to comments by Mr. Lilker. Regarding the Positron contract, the extension was done by Sheriff Gootee who did not get Board approval prior to doing so. Regarding the interlocal agreement, the City asked that the interlocal agreement be set aside/suspended until the building construction was complete. The County offered to accept the



staffing and operate two centers, because the facility was not ready. The City opted not to do "that." He said that it was his understanding that because the City had absolutely no financial commitment; no governance authority was given to the City.

### **Building & Zoning**

Z0522 – Lenvil H. Dicks. The property is located in District 3. The requested change is from Residential Single Family 2 to Commercial Neighborhood. The Planning and Zoning Board recommended approval.

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

### **Consent Agenda**

Motion by Commissioner Frisina to approve unless there are items to be pulled. Second by Commissioner Weaver.

There was a public call for clarification on items #1, #5, #10, #12, and #14. County Manager Williams assisted with clarification.

The motion carried unanimously.

(1) Authorization to Travel – Commissioner Ronald Williams and Dale Williams, County Manager – Washington, D.C. – September 21, 2010 thru September 23, 2010 – Meeting with Congressional Delegation regarding Economic Development Transportation Funding

(2) Public Works Department – Hiring Freeze Waiver Due to Current Employee Filling Position Retiring– Equipment Operator III – In-house Posting Initially – If No Suitable Candidates, Advertise Externally

(3) Public Library – New Year's Holiday Closing – Friday, December 31, 2010 – Saturday, January 1, 2011 - Sunday, January 2, 2011

(4) Public Library – Christmas Holiday Closing – Thursday, December 23, 2010 - Friday, December 24, 2010 – Saturday, December 25, 2010 – Sunday, December 26, 2010

(5) Florida Department of Transportation – Reimbursement Agreement - Small County Outreach Program – Widening and Resurfacing of S.E. Academic Avenue from SR 100 to US 90 - \$936,608.00 – Resolution Number 2010R-40

(6) United States Department of Agriculture – Cooperative Service Agreement - Animal and Plant Health Inspection Services – Wildlife Services - \$66,000.00

(7) External Budget Amendment – Sheriff's Office – # 12 - BA #09-33 – Subsistence Cost Generated at Detention Facility - Period ending August 2010 - \$2,880.00

(8) Columbia County Emergency Medical Services – Refund Request – Melon Overpayment Recovery - \$1,035.75

(9) Purchasing – Change Order #002 – Peter Brown Construction, Inc. – Fort White Library - \$18,933.13 (deductive)

(10) Purchasing – Changer Order – Hughes Well Drilling & Pump Service – Ellisville Water Well Project - \$6,978.64

(11) Human Resource – Position Description – Radio/Communications Technician

(12) Authorization for Engineering Services by Malcolm Pirnie, Inc. – Florida Department of Environmental Protection Operational Permit Renewal & Ellisville Waste Water Treatment Plant Evaluation – \$72,000.00

(13) University of Florida – Preliminary Population Estimate – 67,303

(14) Community Development Block Grant Application – Florida Department of Community Affairs – Fiscal Year 2009 Federally Funded Subgrant Agreement – Housing Rehabilitation, \$537,500 – Temporary Relocation, \$4,000 - Water Hookups, \$96,000 and Administration, \$112,500

(15) Annual Contract – State of Florida Department of Health/Columbia County Board of County Commissioners – For Operation of the Columbia County Health Department – Fiscal Year 2010-2011 - \$153,784.00

(16) Utility Permit – AT&T SE Florida - SW Sherlock Terrace

(17) Florida Enterprise Zone Program – Enterprise Zone Development Agency – Signature Authorization Form

#### **Nettle Sausage – Application for Tax Exemption**

The County has received a request for tax abatement from Billy Nettles, President of Nettles Sausage for an expansion of their operation. The County Manager said that there is no Economic Development Statute that would be applicable, but it is possible that this business could qualify for tax abatement according to the guidelines of Florida Statutes 196.1995(5). The County Manager said that guidelines and standards need to be adopted that can be applied to these various applications as they are presented.

MOTION by Commissioner Bailey to schedule the matter for discussion. Second by Commissioner Frisina.

County Manager Williams noted that Mr. Billy Nettles is related to him by marriage. Therefore, the County Manager said that he would not be involved in setting standards, parameters, etc. that may apply to Mr. Nettles' business.

Commissioner Weaver asked that the criteria and guidelines relating to rebates of local option sales taxes be provided to each of the commissioners for review. He noted this would be helpful and a good starting point for setting parameters and guidelines.

The motion carried unanimously.

### **ARRA Funding for Eastside Fire Department**

The grant monies must be used on a building that meets Leadership Energy Environmental Design (LEED) requirements. The LEED caveat will add to the cost of constructing the department by approximately 25%.

Match money was set aside. Recommendations to address a new facility as well as upgrades and enhancements to the Fire Departments will be forthcoming.

MOTION by Commissioner DuPree to not accept the grant money. Second by Commissioner Bailey. The motion carried unanimously.

### **Revision of Administrative Code**

Regarding the finalization of the Board's action relating to the merger of the Fire and EMS Departments. The Board was asked to approve deleting Section 4 of the County Administrative Code, which pertains to the creation the Department of Emergency and Medical Services, and combine it with Section 15. This action will allow the merger and will read as follows:

*The Department of Fire and Protection of Emergency Medical Services does hereby establish the Department of Fire Protection and Emergency Medical Services, which shall be responsible for management, operation and control of fire protection and emergency medical service functions of county government. This Department shall be known as Columbia County Fire/Rescue. There shall be a fire rescue chief who shall be responsible for supervising the activities of this department in the protection of life and property. The fire/rescue chief shall have supervision over all fire and rescue department personnel and report directly to the County Manager. The responsibility of this department shall include the following:*

- a. *The planning and administration fire protection and emergency medical services, including advanced life support transport units for Columbia County;*
- b. *Plan and coordinate emergency incident activities to include multi-agency operations; and*
- c. *The performance of such other duties and responsibilities as are determined by the County Manager or prescribed by Ordinance.*

MOTION by Commissioner Frisina to approve changes in the Administrative Code. Second by Commissioner DuPree. There was brief discussion. The motion carried unanimously.

### **Debris Pickup Policy**

The County has a long standing un-written policy regarding debris pickup, but a uniform policy needs to be put into place. The County Manager, along with Attorney Feagle and Commissioners Frisina and Williams, will work together to develop a draft policy.

### **November 04 Commission Meeting**

The Annual Livestock Meeting will be on November 04th at the Columbia County Fair. Historically, the commissioners have attended and contributed to this event. The Board

considered moving the regular Board of County Commissioner's meeting time from 7 p.m. to 4 p.m.

MOTION by Commissioner DuPree to move the meeting time to 4 p.m. Second by Commissioner Bailey. The motion carried unanimously.

### **Old Wire Road Settlement Discussions**

The Board previously adopted eminent domain resolutions for Parcel 1 (Robert and Wanda Moulton) and Parcel 2 (Moulton and Daniel and Dorothy Marlow). The County retained Mr. George Brannon to appraise both parcels of property. The owners retained Tommy Tompkins to appraise the properties. Parcel #1 has an appraisal value of \$6,000 (rounded), and Parcel #2 has an appraised value of \$22,000 and \$18,500.

The owners of Parcel #1 are requesting the highest appraised value. Additionally, they wish to be compensated for the cost of purchasing and planting 40 Leland Cypress trees, and compensation for a large live oak that may die as a result of the roadway work.

The owners of Parcel #2 are requesting the highest appraised value. Additionally, they wish to be compensated for a second gate, electrical and piping costs for a new deep well, and the cost of purchasing and planting trees for a buffer around the property perimeter.

The final requested monetary settlement number for Parcel #1 is approximately \$9,000 and approximately \$23,000 for Parcel #2.

Board considered the property owners request for additional compensation.

Regarding Parcel No. #1:

MOTION by Commissioner Frisina to approve highest appraisal of \$6,100 and to allow for stipulations A-F (listed on page 3 of attached memo). Second by Commissioner Weaver for discussion.

AMENDED MOTION by Commissioner Frisina that the cost of the cypress tree (\$880) also be included in the settlement figure, but not the \$2,000 for the oak tree that "may" die. Second by Commissioner Weaver.

Both motions carried unanimously.

Regarding Parcel No. #2:

MOTION by Commissioner Frisina to approve an appraised value of \$18,500, plus \$200 for the cost of a new gate.

Commissioner Weaver asked about the cost of piping and suggested that perhaps the amount should be increased from \$18,500 to \$19,500 to cover the cost of pipe and labor. Attorney Feagle replied that the county engineer plans to have the county pay for the conduit pipe (not the PVC) and do the installation.

AMENDED MOTION by Commissioner Frisina, "I amend my motion to do what Mr. Weaver said about moving it up to \$19,500." Second by Commissioner Weaver. The motion carried unanimously. The motion carried unanimously.

MOTION by Commissioner Frisina, in the event the property owner is required to apply to the Board of Adjustment for a variance in order to show that both lots are buildable lots and suitable for obtaining a permit, the county will either waive or pay the fee. Second for discussion by Commissioner DuPree. There was discussion. The motion carried unanimously.

#### **Next Meeting**

Commissioner Frisina advised that she may be a few minutes late for the next meeting due to an earlier Legislative Committee Meeting.

#### **Adjournment**

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

ATTEST:

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P. DeWitt Cason  
Clerk of Circuit Court

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Ronald Williams, Chairman  
Board of County Commissioners