

Columbia County

BOARD of COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

FEBRUARY 16, 2012

The Columbia County Board of County Commissioners met in a regularly scheduled meeting at the School Board Administration Office. The Chair called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. The invocation and Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America followed.

Commissioners in Attendance:

Scarlett Frisina (Chair)	Stephen Bailey (Vice Chair)
Rusty DePratter	Jody Dupree
	Ronald Williams

Others in Attendance:

Dale Williams, County Manager	David Kraus, Senior Staff Asst.
Lisa Roberts, Asst. County Manager	Marlin Feagle, County Attorney
	Sandy Markham, Deputy Clerk

Agenda Additions

- Drainage easement (Mahendra & Shaku Patel)
- Recreation Agreements

MOTION by Commissioner DuPree to adopt amended agenda. Second by Commissioner Bailey. The motion carried unanimously.

Public Comments

Citizen Stewart Lilker offered input regarding funding for the Lifestyle Enrichment Center, unfunded mandates, a process for allocation of funds, the budget transfer of the Sheriff, and the need for a fire station in the South end of the county.

Citizen Barbara Lemley offered input regarding funding for the Lifestyle Enrichment Center, and procedures for all non-profit organizations to request funding.

Lifestyle Enrichment Center Funding

Commissioner Williams discussed with the Board the need to allocate additional funds to the Lifestyle Enrichment Center in order to carry them through the remainder of the fiscal year and to increase their funding for next year. The Commission discussed protecting the quality of life that this agency provides to the elderly. An allocation increase for fiscal year 2012-12 will be considered during next year's budget workshops.

MOTION by Commissioner Williams to allocate \$66,667 to the Lifestyle Enrichment Center, which will increase their operations through the 2011-12 fiscal year. Second by Commissioner DuPree. The motion carried unanimously.

MOTION by Commissioner Williams and second by Commissioner DePratter to fund \$38,825.59 from non recurring revenue to cover the following expenses:

- Replacement of the carpeting in the Dining Hall & Club Room with a vinyl plank
- Replace flooring at the LifeStyle Enrichment Center in Lake City
- Replacement of the floor covering at Ft. White LifeStyle Enrichment Center
- A ramp for the professional stage for the Geriactors Theater group
- A larger storage building
- New exercise equipment

The motion carried unanimously.

Consent Agenda

- (1) External Budget Amendment – Fire Department – BA #12-25 – Fire Prevention Education - \$540.00
- (2) External Budget Amendment – Sheriff’s Office - #6 – BA #12-27 – Subsistence Cost Generated at the Detention Center – Month of January 2012 -\$2,795.00
- (3) External Budget Amendment – Maintenance Department – BA #12-28 – Replaced 5 Ton Heat Pump, Piping Repairs to Ceiling and Rental Equipment at Sheriff’s Office Administrative Building- \$5,276.00
- (4) External Budget Amendment – Sheriff’s Office - #1 – BA #12-11 – Distribution of FY 10-11 Closeout – Columbia County Sheriff’s Office - \$223,500.00
- (5) External Budget Amendment – Sheriff’s Office - #18 – BA #10-61 – Final Budget Amendment
- (6) North Florida Professional Services, Inc. – Lake Harris FEMA Flood Study – Proposal for Professional Services - \$23,000.00
- (7) Public Library – Easter Weekend Closing – April 7-8, 2012 – All Three Library Locations
- (8) Nabors, Giblin & Nickerson, P.A. – Proposal for Legal Services – Annual Fire Protection, Solid Waste & Road Improvements Assessments Programs - \$11,000.00 Lump Sum
- (9) Public Works – Road Resurfacing Projects – CR 135, CR 138 CR 242 and Bascom Norris/Lake Jeffrey Intersection - \$44,676.56
- (10) Columbia County Health Department – Activities and Expenditures – Period Ending 12-31-11

- (11) Bid Award – Sale of Surplus Landfill Equipment – Bid No. 2012-A:
- (a) D7R Dozer to Wilcox Tractor, \$53,159.00
 - (b) 615C Pan to Suwannee County Public Works, \$30,000.00
 - (c) EL200B Excavator to Yoder & Frey, \$10,000.00
- (12) Appointment – Planning and Zoning Board – Brandon Stubbs
- (13) Solid Waste – Declaration of Surplus Property – County ID #13122, Server
- (14) Utility Permit – Lake City Regional Utility - SW 252B/SW Deputy Jeff Davis Lane
- (15) Utility Permit – Comcast Cable – SE Clements Place
- (16) Utility Permit – Comcast Cable – SW Malone Street
- (17) Utility Permit – AT&T SE Florida – SW King Street
- (18) Agreement - Professional Services Agreement/Columbia County Board of County Commissioners – Sandy Kishton – Land Acquisition
- (19) Minute Approval – Board of County Commissioners – Regular Meeting – January 5, 2012

MOTION by Commissioner Bailey to approve. Second by Commissioner Williams.

Items 12 and 18. The County Manager offered additional clarification.

Item #19 was pulled for suggested corrections to the minutes, which the Clerk agreed with.

The motion carried unanimously.

Roadside Mowing Program

The Roadside Mowing Contract and two options relative to mowing were considered

Option #1. Handle all mowing and litter pickup, including Alligator Park, Landfill, O'Leno trail, roadside and urban in-house.

Option #2. Continue to contract out litter pickup, Alligator Park, Landfill, O'Leno trail, and roadside mowing while handling urban mowing in-house.

Each option was discussed in-depth.

MOTION by Commissioner Bailey to renew the rural mowing contract with Option #2 and perform the urban mowing in-house just as the County is currently doing at an estimated cost of \$435,024 annually, which will also include the litter pickup. Second by Commissioner DuPree.

There was additional discussion. The motion carried 4-1 with Commissioner DePratter voting in opposition.

Commissioner DuPree offered for thought that before the contractor enters a new mowing year, the County might consider having staff contact the contractor and discuss changing the mowing cycle specifications and determine what the increase would be. While this may increase the price, which could be handled by amending the contract, it will likely still be cheaper in the long run than having two mowing contractors.

Stormwater Drainage Easement

This easement will be between Columbia County and Shaku Patel and Mahandra Patel, co-trustees of the Shuku and Patel Family Trust. This is for five (5) feet of lots 3 and 6 in Block #4 of Clubview Park. The proposed easement has been prepared by Attorney Feagle.

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

Recreation

Efforts are under way to finalize recreational agreements which will exist between the County and various sports agencies (baseball, softball, soccer, etc.). Draft policy and procedures are also being drafted. Staff will provide the commissioners with drafts as soon as possible. The County Manager asked the commissioners for their feedback.

March 15 Board of County Commission Meeting

The Spring Arts Festival would like to utilize the School Board Auditorium on March 15 in order to host their Shining Star Talent Show. This will be a good opportunity for the County to schedule a Board meeting in the South end of the County. The community center or school may be an option.

MOTION by Commissioner Bailey to approve (Resolution #2012R-8) moving the meeting to the southern end of the county with the location to be determined. Second by Commissioner DePratter. The motion carried unanimously.

Utility Easement at Sanders Road

At the December 15, 2011 Board meeting, the Board approved the Quit Claim Deed relating to the Progress Energy Road Right-of-Way, which was a power line easement for Sanders Road. That deed will need a resolution which supports the Board's action.

MOTION by Commissioner DuPree to approve Resolution #2012R-9. Second by Commissioner Bailey. The motion carried unanimously.

Bascom Norris

Commissioner Williams asked for Attorney Feagle to provide an update on Bascom Norris Road at the next BoCC Meeting.

Officer Killed in the Line of Duty

Sheriff Hunter was in attendance and advised the Board that two Clay County detectives were shot earlier while investigating a home that was believed to be operating a methamphetamine lab. He understands that one detective is now dead and the other has been seriously injured. He asked for everyone's thoughts and prayers. He also thanked the Board for recognizing the efforts of the Sheriff's Office.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:05 p.m.

ATTEST:

Scarlett Frisina, Chairwoman
Board of County Commissioners

P. DeWitt Cason
Clerk of Circuit Court