

COLUMBIA COUNTY BOARD of COUNTY COMMISSSIONERS

Minutes of **April 05, 2012**

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: Chairwoman Scarlet Frisina, Stephen Bailey, Russell DePratter, Ronald Williams and Jody DuPree.

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

Agenda Deletions

- Westside Community Center bids

Agenda Additions

- Budget Amendments of the Tax Collector (2)
- Rescheduling the Special Meeting of April 11

MOTION: By Commissioner Williams to adopt amended agenda. Second by Commissioner Bailey. The motion carried unanimously.

Public Comment:

Citizen Stewart Lilker addressed:

- a) Consent Agenda item #22
- b) Westside Community Center
- c) Mosquito Control Contract (rate of pay)

Smoking at the Courthouse

Norma Pierce complained the public must breath **secondhand cigarette smoke** in order to access the courthouse annex. She asked that the problem be corrected, beginning with removing the ashtrays located at the sidewalks and doorway. She also reported the **entry door at the Lifestyle Enrichment Center** is extremely difficult for the seniors to use. Ms. Pierce was assured that there are plans in place to install the handicap door.

Supervisor of Elections Elizabeth Horne

Dominion Voting Systems - 30 Dominion ICE Ballot Scanning, and Custodial Needs

Ms. Horne discussed the need and options for replacing the old memory cards in the voting equipment prior to the upcoming election. She will have to have at least 35 cards, but requested funds to purchase a total of 70 cards so that there would be sufficient backup.

MOTION by Commissioner Williams to grant the funds necessary to purchase up to seventy (70) memory cards. Second by Commissioner DuPree. The motion carried unanimously.

Ms. Horne's office is in need of a custodian. The Board was asked to consider adding funds to that office to fund such a position and to continue furnishing the cleaning supplies. Two current employees of that office are interested in the position. The Board discussed with the Supervisor that employees already employed by the county must be paid overtime after they have worked forty hours. County Manager Williams will meet with Ms. Horne discuss the level of service needed and the best way to provide the service.

Building and Zoning by Brian Kepner

Public Hearing for Adoption:

Text Amendment to Comprehensive Plan CPA 12-01 - County Commissioners. This amends the five year schedule of capital improvements element of the Comprehensive Plan. The Planning and Zoning Board recommended approval. The public hearing opened and closed without public input.

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

Building Code Ordinance #No. 2012-2 (Public Hearing)

Attorney Feagle reviewed with the Board changes mandated by the legislature. The public hearing opened and closed.

MOTION by Commissioner DuPree to approve Building Code Ordinance #No. 2012-2. Second by Commissioner Williams. The motion carried unanimously.

Solid Waste Collection Franchise Enforcement Reported on by Attorney Feagle

It appears that WastePro and Veolia have resolved their differences consistent with what the County believes the exclusive franchise controls. At this time, there appears to be no conflict in the franchise.

Commissioner Williams reported there are two haulers operating illegally in the county who did not go through the proper channels to get approval to operate. He said the debris the two haulers are collecting is being hauled outside of Columbia County.

Handling options for the county would be to simply take the matter to county court, or to totally revamp Code Enforcement and have them handle the matter. Attorney Feagle advised that the quickest and simplest method is provided in Florida Statutes as an alternative enforcement method, and that is to have a citation issued to the violators. The issue of Code Enforcement will be taken up at the Special Meeting.

Bascom Norris Drive - Lowe's Property Offer

Attorney Feagle updated the Board on the status of the project. A notice was sent to Lowes' attorney this week making an offer (\$388,500) based on the appraisal received from the Columbia County Property Appraiser.

MOTION by Commissioner Williams to accept the appraisal amount. Second by Commissioner DuPree. The motion carried unanimously.

Economic Development Incentive Program Ordinance (No. 2012-1)

The ordinance was reviewed by Attorney Feagle. It has the capability of assisting local businesses and bringing in new businesses. The public hearing opened. Citizen Stewart Lilker offered input. The public hearing closed.

MOTION by Commissioner DePratter to adopt. Second by Commissioner Williams. The motion carried unanimously.

Skunkie Acres

Commissioner Williams explained that Skunkie Acres has become a nuisance. He explained that the smell it produces is horrible and offensive to those living in the area. Horses are being tied up on the county's right-of-way and are being allowed to graze there. Horse dung is being left on the road and road right-of-way and on residents' driveways. The horses are beating a trail on the county's right-of-way and simply causing a mess. He said that they have approximately 10-15 horses on a five acre tract of dirt. Commissioner Williams said that Skunkie Acres is a nuisance in the community and he wants to have them declared a nuisance. Commissioner Williams said that he plans to meet with Attorney Feagle on the matter and will bring the issue back to the Board for their support. He said that he wants to do whatever it takes to get this operation shut down.

Attorney Feagle said that he would research the options, but a lawsuit may be the answer. He said that state law addresses sanitary and nuisance issues and also health and safety concerns. Staff will meet with the Health Department to discuss launching an investigation on Skunkie Acres.

Bid Award 2012-B - Westside Community Center.

This item was pulled due to a declared conflict and a pending legal opinion. This item will be addressed at the next Board of County Commissioners meeting.

Tax Collector Ronnie Brannon – Unspent Revenue and Budget Amendments

Mr. Brannon discussed with the Board the following:

- Budget amendment for needed renovation in his Fort White office
- Budget amendment to equip Server Room #110 with proper cooling
- Two checks for unspent revenue from fiscal year 2011-12 (\$349,445 and \$11,057)

MOTION by Commissioner Williams to approve the two budget amendments discussed. Second by Commissioner Bailey. The motion carried unanimously.

Consent Agenda

There was a call for clarification on items #4, 21, 22, 25, 27, 28, and 29.

- (1) External Budget Amendment – Recreation Department – BA #12-29 – (Non-Recurring) - Bring Balance Forward to Facilities (Annie Mattox & Richardson Community Centers) - \$13,730.75
- (2) External Budget Amendment – Recreation Department – BA #12-32 – (Special Events) - \$3,250.00
- (3) External Budget Amendment – Public Works – BA #12-41 – Equipment Purchases – 4 inch Pump - \$13,986.00
- (4) External Budget Amendment – County Manager – BA #12-42 – Annual Bridge Web Subscription - \$21,000.00
- (5) Solid Waste Department – Request to Purchase Hydraulic Excavator
- (6) North Central Florida Regional Planning Council – Award of Bids – Water Connections, Cycle 2 – Hometown Plumbing Services - \$1.75 per linear foot
- (7) Proclamation – No. 2012P-3 - Designating the Month of April as Water Conservation Month in Columbia County
- (8) Resolution – No.2012R-15 - Setting the May 17, 2012 Board of County Commission Meeting at 5:00 P.M. instead of 7:00 P.M.
- (9) Building and Zoning – Special Temporary Use Permit Refund – Joyce Cannon - \$450.00

- (10) Building and Zoning – Special Family Lot Permit – Cynthia Anderson Watson – Ann and Harry P. Anderson, Property Owner
- (11) Human Resource – Family Medical Leave Act (FMLA) – Public Works Employee – March 9, 2012 through June 1, 2012
- (12) Senior Staff Assistant – Adopting Resolution No. 2012R-16 – Price Index for Private Investor Owned Utilities – In Accordance with Resolution No 2010R-52 and Ordinance No 2007-15
- (13) Senior Staff Assistant – Modification to NSP3 Grant Agreement – Error in Calculation - Shift \$19,150.00 from Resale to Low Income Rental
- (14) Public Works – Request to Enter Private Property – 378 NW Spring Hollow Blvd. – Dangerous Tree Removal
- (15) Utility Permit – Comcast Cable – SW Ring Court
- (16) Utility Permit – AT&T SE Florida – Spradley Road
- (17) Utility Permit AT&T SE Florida - NW Lake Jeffery Drive and NW Ranch Court
- (18) Utility Permit – Comcast Cable – NE Bascom Norris Drive
- (19) Utility Permit – Comcast Cable – SW Sisters Welcome Road
- (20) Board of County Commissioners – Declaration of Junk Property – Dell Laptop - Hinge Broken
- (21) Suwannee County Board of County Commissioners – Request Mosquito Spraying – Spirit of the Suwannee Music Park
- (22) Donald F. Lee & Associates, Inc. – Amendment to Agreement for Professional Engineering and Surveying Services
- (23) Public Works – Requesting Approval for Additional Cost – Milling and Paving of CR 135, Brown Road, Bascom Norris Drive, CR 242 and CR 138 - \$2,163.00
- (24) Human Resource – Revision of the Columbia County Drug-Free Workplace Act
- (25) Agreement – Florida Department of Environmental Protection/Columbia County Board of County Commissioners – State Assistance Agreement – Ellisville I-75 Wastewater Collection/Ellisville Wastewater System
- (26) Solid Waste Department – Bid Renewals – 2008-E – Transportation of Leachate, Barnett Transportation, Original Bid was 03/20/08 - 2009-E – Household Hazardous Waste, Care

Environmental Corp., Original Bid was 02/25/09 - 2010-E – ULV Approved Adulticide, AllPro Vector Group, Original Bid was 04/15/10 - 2011-M – Removal of Waste Tires, Lee Tire Co., Inc., Original Bid was 04/21/11

- (27) Mosquito Control Department – Contract for Employment – Mosquito Control Operator – Ronald W. Hanks, Sr. - \$7.87 Per Hour – April 2012 through October 2012
- (28) Mosquito Control Department – Contract for Employment – Mosquito Control Operator – Ronald O. Brooks - \$7.87 Per Hour – April 2012 through October 2012
- (29) Mosquito Control Department – Contract for Employment – Mosquito Control Operator – Robert L. Timmons - \$7.87 Per Hour – April 2012 through October 2012
- (30) Minute Approval – Board of County Commissioners – Regular Meeting – March 1, 2012 MOTION by Commissioner Williams to approve. Second by Commissioner DuPree.

The motion carried unanimously.

Rural Mowing Contract

Staff has met with the contractor regarding expediting the mowing cycle (from 35 days to 18 days.) Staff advised that the benefit received is simply not worth the additional cost, which would be an increase over all four mowing cycles of \$140,782.72. Staff recommendation was that the county not approve the idea of expediting the mowing cycle. There was no objection to staff recommendation.

Sheriff's Office - Replacement or Repair Generator

The generator at the Sheriff's Administration building located on U.S. Hwy. 90 East is aged and is malfunctioning. The least costly option would be to purchase parts for repair and arrange for a backup generator during repair (\$7,748 min.). The option of replacing the generator is estimated at \$28,685. It is the opinion of facility staff and the Sheriff that replacing the generator would be the best option. The County Manager recommended replacement.

MOTION by Commissioner Williams to replace. Second by Commissioner Bailey. The motion carried unanimously.

MOTION by Commissioner DuPree to declare the existing generator surplus and allow for sale on the open market. Second by Commissioner Bailey. The motion carried unanimously.

Special Meeting scheduled for Wednesday, April 11, 2012

The Board was asked to consider rescheduling the Special Meeting. Commissioner Frisina will not be able to attend on the scheduled date due to a mandatory requirement that she attend another meeting that was unforeseen. A tentative date of May 01, 2012 has been set.

MOTION by Commissioner DePratter to cancel and reschedule the meeting. Second by Commissioner Bailey. The motion carried unanimously.

MOTION by Commissioner Williams to approve the May 01 date contingent upon the room being available. Second by Commissioner DuPree. The motion carried unanimously.

Permission to Enter Private Property

Commissioner Williams asked to enter private property to correct damage caused by road water runoff. The Commissioner did not provide a name, but said it was the first house on the right when turning off of Chambria Way onto Queen Road.

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

Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

ATTEST:

P. DeWitt Cason
Clerk of Circuit Courts

Scarlett Frisina, Chairwoman
Board of County Commissioners