

Columbia County
Board of County Commissioners

Minutes of
January 15, 2015

The Columbia County Board of County Commissioners met in a regular meeting at the auditorium of the School Board Administrative Complex at 5:30 p.m. The meeting opened with prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

Commissioners in Attendance: Chairman Rusty DePratter, Scarlet Frisina,
Ronald Williams, Everett Phillips and Bucky Nash.

Commissioner Nash arrived at 6:10 p.m. as he was participating in Advanced Commissioner Certification Classes.

Others in Attendance: County Manager Dale Williams ("CM")
Assistant County Manager Ben Scott ("ACM")
Safety Manager David Kraus ("SM")
Operations Manager Kevin Kirby ("OM")
County Attorney Joel Foreman
Deputy Clerk Sandy A. Markham
Deputy Clerk Katrina Vercher

Agenda Additions and Deletions

None.

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

Public Comments Regarding Fracking

Eric Rollins, aide to Senator Darren Soto, spoke in support of SB 166; a bill regarding fracking in Florida.

Also offering input in support of a ban on fracking in Florida were Columbia County residents:

Carolyn Baker	Laura Daily
Robert Baker	Pam Smith
Jane Tatum	

Others offering input in support of a ban on fracking in Florida were:

Gail Dickert of Madison County, FL.
John Favere of North Port, FL.

Lisa Ray of Orlando, FL.

Other Public Comment

Ralph Kitchens addressed Consent Agenda Item #3; Suwannee Valley Transit Authority ("SVTA"). He asked the Board to shut down SVTA, because in his opinion it is and never will be financially stable and able to support itself.

Stewart Lilker asked questions relating to Consent Agenda Item #14. CM Williams assisted with clarification.

Requesting for Fracking Ordinance by Our Santa Fe River, Inc.

Merrilee Malwitz-Jipson, President of Our Santa Fe River, Inc. gave a PowerPoint presentation supporting an Ordinance to ban fracking. The presentation primarily addressed the negative impact fracking has on natural resources. She urged the commissioners to adopt the proposed resolution and to adopt an ordinance regarding same.

MOTION by Commissioner Williams to have Attorney Foreman begin looking into the possibility of drafting a resolution, and to talk to Alachua County regarding their Fracking Ordinance. SECOND by Commissioner Nash. The motion carried unanimously.

Consent Agenda

- (1) External Budget Amendment – Operations Department – BA # 15-13 – Reallocate Funds to Pay Emergency Elevator Repairs for the Courthouse Annex - \$ 13,300.00
- (2) External Budget Amendment – BCC Administration – BA # 15-16 – Revise Budget for Court Innovations to Include Case Document Management System and Remote Court Interpreting Software - \$24,430.00
- (3) External Budget Amendment – BCC Administration – BA # 15-17 – Amend Budget to Reflect Payment – Suwannee Valley Transit Authority \$50,000.00
- (4) External Budget Amendment – Operations Department – BA # 15-18 – Budget for Addition of Mason City and Plantation Park Water System - \$6,000.00
- (5) External Budget Amendment – BCC Administration – BA # 15-19 – Set Up Budget for Special Assessment Fund - \$66,000.00
- (6) External Budget Amendment – BCC Administration – BA # 15-20 – Budget Correction to Recreation Department Gas and Oil line Item - \$2,700.00
- (7) External Budget Amendment – BCC Administration – BA # 15-21 – Budget Purchase of Recovery and Backup Appliance for Court Administration - \$38,000.00
- (8) Building and Zoning – Special Family Lot – Donna M. Serra – Jo A. & Brian S. Mulholland, Property Owner

- (9) County Manager – Requesting Vacation Time – February 3, 2015 through February 13, 2015
- (10) Operations Manager – Requesting Approval to Purchase a Compactor – Landfill Department – Ring Power Corp. - \$603,495.00 – Buy-Back of \$160,000.00 is Guaranteed from Ring Power Corp. on Trade In – Net Cost \$443,495.00
- (11) BCC Administration – Approval of Attached Update of Fixed Asset Capitalization Policy
- (12) Operations Manager – Requesting Approval to Enter Private Property – Donna Marie Boler, Property Owner - Tree Trimming Limbs that Could be Hazardous to Motorist of Noegel Road
- (13) Emergency Management – Memorandum of Understanding for the Use of State Law Enforcement Radio System (SLERS) Radio Equipment from Florida Division of Emergency Management (FDEM) – Interoperable Emergency Communications Grant Program
- (14) BCC Administration – Non-Ad Valorem Assessment Compliance Contractor Agreement - \$22,000.00
- (15) Safety Department – Requesting Approval for a Utility Easement – Clay Electric to go across an NSP-3 Parcel Owned by Columbia County
- (16) BCC Administration – Suwannee River Economic Council – S.H.I.P. – Satisfaction of Mortgage – Lee E. & Katrina L. Mallory - \$4,000.00
- (17) BCC Administration – Declaration of Junk Property – Clerk of Court – County ID # 11762 Canon DR3060 Scanner, County ID # 11943 Canon DR3080CII Scanner, County ID # 13265 Tally T2250 Printer
- (18) BCC Administration – Declaration of Junk Property – Columbia County Health Department
- (19) Safety Department - Emergency Management – Declaration of Junk Property
- (20) Operations Department – Declaration of Salvage – 2002 GMC Pickup Truck, County ID # 11182 – Totaled by Insurance Company after Rear End Collision
- (21) BCC Administration – City of Lake City Utility Easement – Located at Sisters Welcome Road
- (22) Operations Department – Utility Permit – Comcast Cable – 3269 S. Hwy 441
- (23) Operation Department – Utility Permit –Comcast Cable – 370 SE Racetrack Road
- (24) BCC Administration – Purchasing – Plumb Level Construction - Requesting Approval of Bid No. 2014-K – Deep Creek Community Center Expansion - \$88,000.00 – Requesting an Additional \$7,076.00 to Replace the Existing Flooring – Total of \$95,076.00
- (25) Operations Department – Requesting Approval to Purchase Property – David and Angela King, Property Owners - Provide Easement/Access to Callaway Retention Pond - \$6,750.00
- (26) BCC Administration – Suwannee River Economic Council, Inc. – S.H.I.P. – Release of Lien – Amanda Glass - \$14,400.00
- (27) BCC Administration – Appointment of Paula Vann and Lori Regan – Suwannee River Valley Marketing Group Board of Directors

MOTION by Commissioner Williams to approve the Consent Agenda. SECOND by Commissioner Frisina. The motion carried unanimously.

Public Comments

Offering additional input related to fracking were:

Kim Ross
Gail Dickert

Mary Helen Wheeler
Pam Smith

John Favere
Ralph Kitchens

Stewart Lilker asked if all of the Commission opposed fracking. No commissioner is in support of fracking.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

ATTEST:

Rusty DePratter, Chairman
Board of County Commissioners

P. DeWitt Cason
Clerk of Circuit Court