

Columbia County
Board of County Commissioners

Minutes of
December 1, 2016

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 Ronald Williams, Rusty DePratter, Tim Murphy, Bucky Nash and Everett Phillips.

Others in Attendance: County Manager Ben Scott ("CM")
Assistant County Manager Scott Ward ("ACM")
Assistant County Manager Kevin Kirby ("OM")
County Attorney Joel Foreman
Deputy Clerk Susan Weeks

Agenda Additions/Deletions

There were no additions or deletions.

MOTION by Commissioner DePratter to approve the agenda. SECOND by Commissioner Williams. The motion carried unanimously.

Presentation of the Board Not Requiring Board vote or Action

Florida Department of Transportation ("FDOT")

Using the attached PowerPoint presentation, Andrew Young with the Systems Planning Office of FDOT, presented the Board with the results of the I-75 Relief Study.

Discussion ensued.

Public Hearings:

Ordinance 2016-30

Ordinance 2016-30- repeals Ordinance numbers 89-6, 95-39 and 99-24, removes certain Specialty Contractor, changes State Certification to Registered License, requires a passing exam score of 75% or higher, revises certification process and updates property owner exemptions.

The public hearing opened.

Citizen Stewart Lilker offered concerns.

Citizen Brian Zecher offered comment.

The public hearing closed.

MOTION by Commissioner Williams to repeal and replace. SECOND by Commissioner Phillips.

Discussion ensued.

The Chairman called for a vote. The motion carried unanimously.

Ordinance 2016-31

Adoption Hearing for Proposed Ordinance Imposing 6-month Moratorium on Marijuana Dispensaries in the Unincorporated Areas of the County.

The public hearing opened.

The following citizens spoke in opposition:

Ralph Kitchens

Stewart Lilker

Sandra Buck-Camp

The public hearing closed.

Discussion ensued.

MOTION by Commissioner DePratter to approve Ordinance 2016-31. SECOND by Commissioner Murphy. The motion carried unanimously.

Public Comment on Discussion and Action Items:

Citizen Stewart Lilker offered comment on Re-Organization.

MOTION by Commissioner Williams to approve the consent agenda. SECOND by Commissioner DePratter. The motion carried unanimously.

Consent Agenda:

- (1) Operations Department - Utility Permit - AT&T - SW Timber Ridge Drive and SW Mulberry Drive (Pg. 1)
- (2) Operations Department - Utility Permit - Comcast/FCCG - SW McFarlane Avenue (Pg. 12)

- (3) Operations Department - Utility Permit - Florida Power & Light Company - Noegel Road (Pg. 25)
- (4) Operations Department - Utility Permit - City of Lake City - County Road 252 (Pg. 61)
- (5) Operations Department - Utility Permit - Florida Power & Light Company - NW Bronco Terrace, NW Lake Jeffrey Road and Moore Road (Pg. 68)
- (6) Operations Department - Utility Permit - Florida Power & Light Company - Brown Road (Pg. 84)
- (7) Operations Department - Utility Permit - Florida Power & Light Company - SW Birley Avenue (Pg. 104)
- (8) Operations Department - Utility Permit - FCCG/Comcast - SW Sisters Welcome Road (Pg. 142)
- (9) Operations Department - Utility Permit - Florida Power & Light Company - Moore Road (Pg. 155)
- (10) BCC Administration - Requesting Approval for Milling Placement at the VFW Post 2206 (Pg. 169)
- (11) BCC Administration - Requesting Approval for Suwannee River Economic Council, Inc. - Subordination Agreement - Candace Kennon (Pg. 171)
- (12) BCC Administration - Requesting Approval of Minutes - Board of County Commissioners - Workshop - November 10, 2016 (Pg. 174)

MOTION by Commissioner DePratter to adopt the consent agenda as presented. SECOND by Commissioner Phillips. The motion carried unanimously.

Discussion and Action Items:

County Manager Recommendations (PowerPoint Presentation Attached)

- (1) Letter of Agreement with Clay Electric

Recommending approval of a Letter of Agreement with Clay Electric to relocate the power lines at a cost to the County of \$164,619.81.

MOTION by Commissioner DePratter to approve Letter of Agreement. SECOND by Commissioner Williams. The motion carried unanimously.

- (2) Bid No. 2016-9

Recommending approval Bid Award and Contract for Brim Road Bid No. 2016-9 to Low Bidder C.A. Boone Construction - \$1,769,361.

MOTION by Commissioner DePratter to approve Bid No. 2016- 9. SECOND by Commissioner Phillips.

Discussion ensued.

The Chairman called for the vote. The motion carried unanimously.

(3) FDOT SCRAP Agreement

Approve FDOT Small County Road Assistance Agreement and adopt Resolution No. 2016R- 49 -Resurface/Reconstruct NW Moore Rd. from Lake Jeffrey road to US 41 - \$1,423,125

MOTION by Commissioner Williams to adopt Resolution No. 2016R-49. SECOND by Commissioner Phillips. The motion carried unanimously.

(4) FDOT SCOP Agreement

Adopt Resolution 2016R-48, approving a FDOT Small County Outreach Program Agreement, in the amount of \$850,000, for the CF 241 Road Project.

MOTION by Commissioner Phillips to Adopt Resolution 2016R-48. SECOND by Commissioner Williams. The motion carried unanimously.

(5) Re-Organization In Accordance with the Columbia County Charter

(a) Confirmation for the Location, Time and Place of Holding all Regular Meetings of the Board of County Commissioners

Discussion ensued.

(b) Selection of Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson

MOTION by Commissioner DePratter to select Commissioner Ron Williams as Chairperson. SECOND by Commissioner Phillips. The motion carried unanimously.

MOTION by Commissioner Murphy to nominate Commissioner Rusty DePratter as Vice Chairperson. SECOND by Commissioner Phillips. The motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Williams presented Commissioner Nash with Ceremonial Gavel and thanked him for his service.

Commissioner Nash passed the Chairperson's gavel to Commissioner Williams.

Open Public Comments:

Citizen Stewart Lilker offered comment on Columbia County Deputy's salary, President Elect Trump's comment on regulations and wished Commissioner Murphy good luck.

Staff Comments:

Staff thanked Commissioner Nash for his service to the County as Chairman.

Commissioner Comments:

Each Commissioner thanked Commissioner Nash.

Commissioner Murphy commented on utility repairs and improvements.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:30 p.m.

ATTEST:

Ronald Williams, Chairman
Board of County Commissioners

P. DeWitt Cason
Clerk of Circuit Court