

Columbia County  
Board of County Commissioners

Minutes of  
**May 16, 2019**

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, Rocky Ford,  
Timothy Murphy, Bucky Nash and Toby Witt.

Others in Attendance: County Manager Ben Scott ("CM")  
Assistant County Manager David Kraus ("ACM")  
Assistant County Manager Kevin Kirby ("ACM")  
County Attorney Joel Foreman  
Deputy Clerk Katrina Vercher

**Agenda Additions/Deletions**

Additions:

- Proclamation No. 2019P-4
- Abandoned Cemetery
- Shade Meeting

Deletions:

- Item No. 6 Consent Agenda

MOTION by Commissioner Witt to approve the agenda as amended. SECOND by Commissioner Nash. The motion carried unanimously.

**Ministerial Matters**

Abandoned Cemetery

Leila Williams addressed the Board concerning an abandoned cemetery on Tiger Drain Road. This Board has previously authorized cleanup of the property. Ms. Williams wanted to report to the Board that the property has been sold and the new owner has put up a gate and a posted sign blocking access to the cemetery. The Cemetery is privately owned and therefore the County has no authority to enter without the permission of the new owner. Ms. Williams will try to contact the new owner.

**Building and Zoning Public Hearings:**

Land Development Regulations ("LDR") Amendments

CPA 19-01-To amend the text of the Comprehensive Plan by amending Policies I.1.6 and I.2.2 to amend the Floor Area Ratio from 0.25 to 1.0 for all Future Land Use Classifications. [Ordinance No. 2019-06]

The public hearing opened and closed without comment.

MOTION by Commissioner Witt to approve CPA 19 01- Ordinance No. 2019-06 – upon first reading and authorize staff to transmit the proposed amendment to the Florida Dept. of Economic Opportunity for State expedited review. SECOND by Commissioner Ford. The motion carried unanimously.

### **Consent Agenda:**

MOTION by Commissioner Witt to approve the consent agenda as amended. SECOND by Commissioner Murphy. The motion carried unanimously.

- (1) BCC Administration - Minutes - County/City - Joint Meeting - March 11, 2019
- (2) BCC Administration - Minutes - Board of County Commissioners - Regular Meeting - May 2, 2019
- (3) BCC Administration - CDBG Satisfaction of Mortgage - Betty Reader - 628 SE Bailey Street
- (4) Building and Zoning - Refund Request - Darrin DiSimo - Owner Builder Permit - \$220
- (5) Clerk to Board Finance - Approval of Bills and Vouchers - \$4,699,938
- (6) Code Enforcement - Envirowaste Franchise Renewal – 2019
- (7) Human Resources - Clarification of Full-Time Employment with Benefits - Project Superintendent Position
- (8) Library - BA 19-50 - Library Donation - Friends of the Library and Women of the Moose - \$175
- (9) Library - Closing for Staff Training Day - October 14, 2019
- (10) Public Works - Utility Permit - FPL - Arlington and Sisters Welcome Road
- (11) Tourist Development - VISIT FLORIDA Visa Vues Contract - \$5,060

MOTION by Commissioner Murphy to adopt the consent agenda as amended. SECOND by Commissioner Witt. The motion carried unanimously.

## **Discussion and Action Items:**

### Financial Report for 2017/2018 Fiscal Year

Richard Powell of Powell & Jones, CPA presented the County's Annual Financial Report for the Fiscal Year 2017-2018.

Citizen Sandra Buck-Camp offered comment.

MOTION by Commissioner Murphy to approve Annual Financial Report for Year ended 9/30/2018. SECOND by Commissioner Ford. The motion carried unanimously.

### Proclamation No. 2019P-4

A Proclamation designating the month of May 2019 as Public Safety Memorial Month in Columbia County, Florida.

MOTION by Commissioner Nash to approve Proclamation No. 2019P-4. SECOND by Commissioner Murphy. The motion carried unanimously.

### Interlocal Agreements

Commissioner Nash gave the Board an update on the status of the Interlocal agreements for the 911 backup site, the radio system and the highway 90 corridor.

Discussion ensued.

### BA 19-51 – Fort White Sports Park

Staff recommended approval of an agreement of intent to purchase 9.06 acres of land for the Fort White Sports Park in the amount of \$197,000. Budget amendment 19-51 would transfer \$47,000 toward the purchase.

Discussion ensued.

MOTION by Commissioner Ford to approve BA 19-51 in the amount of \$47,000 with the option to be reimbursed by the TDC. SECOND by Commissioner Nash. The motion carried unanimously

MOTION by Commissioner Ford to approve the agreement of intent with Millennium Trust Company for the Fort White Sports Park for \$197,000. SECOND by Commissioner Nash. The motion carried unanimously

### County Held Tax Certificates

Staff requested approval of for the County Manager and the County Attorney to review the list of County held tax certificates for possible Tax Deed sale.

MOTION by Commissioner Murphy to approve County Manager, County Attorney and Commissioner Nash to review the County-held certificate list. SECOND by Commissioner Witt. The motion carried unanimously

### Greater Lake City Community Development Corporation ("LCDC")

Staff presented the Agreement of Intent to purchase tax parcel No. 10845-000 for \$70,000 for LCDC to build affordable housing.

MOTION by Commissioner Nash to approve agreement of intent with Square One Property Holdings, Inc. for a housing project in the amount of \$70,000. SECOND by Commissioner Murphy. The motion carried unanimously.

### Columbia County Industrial Park

ACM Kirby presented the Board with three opinions for clearing the County owned property by Hunter Panels:

#### **Option 1**

1. Chip and saw income 34.5 acres	(\$ 8,625)
2. Clear and grub 34.5 acres after chip and Saw	\$110,400
Net Cost	<b>\$101,775</b>

#### **Option 2**

Selective clear and grub 28 acres	<b>\$ 89,600</b>
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#### **Option 3**

Under brushing 34.5 acres	<b>\$ 17,250</b>
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Discussion ensued.

MOTION by Commissioner Nash to send the site clearing out for bids. SECOND by Commissioner Murphy. The motion carried unanimously.

### Cypress Lake Road Paving – Bid No. 2019-5

Staff is recommending awarding the bid to the low bidder Wilk's Site Prep in the amount of \$134,637 for the paving of a section of Cypress Lake Road which is being paid for by Carl Allison.

MOTION by Commissioner Ford to award Bid No. 2019-5 to the low bidder Wilk's Site Prep in the amount of \$134,637 for the paving of Cypress Lake Road. SECOND by Commissioner Murphy. The motion carried unanimously.

### Troy Street Mitigation Project

Staff requested approval of the plan for the Troy Street Flooding Mitigation Project.

MOTION by Commissioner Nash to approve County performing in-kind services totaling \$309,404 for Troy Street Flooding Mitigation Project and fund the remaining \$109,155 from County wide resurfacing #303-8082-541-3046. SECOND by Commissioner Ford.

Discussion ensued. The Board directed ACM Kirby to only clear and grub five (5) acres for the Fort White Sports Park parking lot; the dirt from the Troy Street Project will be used for the parking lot.

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

### Interlocal Agreement – Troy Street Mitigation Project

Staff is recommending approval of an Interlocal agreement between Columbia County and the Columbia County School Board to allow the County to locate additional stormwater retention on their property.

Discussion ensued.

MOTION by Commissioner Nash to Interlocal agreement between the County and the School Board for expansion of the retention pond. SECOND by Commissioner Witt. The motion carried unanimously.

### Columbia City Playground – BA 19-52

Staff is recommending approval of the Florida Department of Environmental Protection ("FRDAP") grant agreement for the Columbia City Playground. The project will be funded with \$150,000 in FRDAP funds and \$150,000 in County match.

MOTION by Commissioner Murphy to approve BA 19-52 in the amount of \$300,000. SECOND by Commissioner Ford. The motion carried unanimously.

MOTION by Commissioner Murphy to approve FRDAP grant agreement with DEP for Columbia City playground. SECOND by Commissioner Witt. The motion carried unanimously.

#### Bell Road Corridor Utility Design – BA 19-53

Staff is recommending approval of the Rural Infrastructure Fund grant agreement for the utility design for the Bell Road Corridor for \$100,000.

MOTION by Commissioner Ford to approve BA 19-52 in the amount of \$100,000. SECOND by Commissioner Murphy. The motion carried unanimously.

MOTION by Commissioner Murphy to approve RIF grant agreement with DEO for the Bell Road corridor. SECOND by Commissioner Witt. The motion carried unanimously.

#### Plantation Park Watermain – Bid No. 2019-1

Staff is recommending awarding the bid to the low bidder Dale's Excavation in the amount of \$681,977. The County has a CDBG Neighborhood Revitalization grant in the amount of \$690,000

MOTION by Commissioner Murphy to award /bid No. 2019-1 to the low bidder Dale's Excavation and approve the contract in the amount of \$681,977. SECOND by Commissioner Witt. The motion carried unanimously.

#### Bid No. 2019-D – Tanker Truck

Staff is recommending awarding the bid to the low bidder Smyrna Truck aka Fouts Brothers in the amount of \$201,000 and approval of the attached contract for the purchase of a tanker truck for the Fire Department.

MOTION by Commissioner Nash to award Bid No. 2019-D to low bidder Smyrna Truck aka Fouts Brothers in the amount of \$201,000 and approval of the contract to purchase. SECOND by Commissioner Witt. The motion carried unanimously.

#### Bid No. 2019-E – Brush Truck

Staff is recommending awarding the bid to the low bidder Smyrna Truck aka Fouts Brothers in the amount of \$85,562 and approval of the attached contract for the purchase of a brush truck for the Fire Department.

MOTION by Commissioner Witt to award Bid No. 2019-E to sole bidder Smyrna Truck aka Fouts Brothers in the amount of \$85,562 and approval of the contract to purchase. SECOND by Commissioner Nash. The motion carried unanimously.

## Shade Meeting

County Attorney Foreman requested permission to set a shade hearing concerning the Lance Waters Receivership.

MOTION by Commissioner Witt to approve Mr. Foreman setting a shade meeting. SECOND by Commissioner Nash. The motion carried unanimously.

### **Commissioner Comments:**

Commissioner Murphy gave an update on the TDC meeting and requested staff begins negotiations on the properties identified by the TDC as suitable for their needs. Stewart Lilker asked questions.

Commissioner Witt commented on the Lance Waters lawsuit.

Commissioner Ford questioned the process of a land closing.

### **Open Public Comments and/or Questions:**

Members of the public addressed the Board with their comments and/or questions regarding the following items:

Sandra Smith on a problem with some of the crosswalks not working and citizens almost being hit, including herself.

### **Adjournment**

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

ATTEST:

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Ronald Williams, Chairman  
Board of County Commissioners

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P. DeWitt Cason  
Clerk of Circuit Court