

Columbia County
Board of County Commissioners

Minutes of
August 6, 2020

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 Toby Witt, Ronald Williams, Rocky Ford, Bucky Nash and Timothy Murphy

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. 2020P-08
- Tree on road right of way
- Private Roads

Deletions:

None

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

Ministerial Matters

Resolution 2020R-23

A resolution dedicating the portion of US Hwy 441 between Deep Creek Bridge and County Road 6 as "Austin D. Gay Memorial Highway".

MOTION by Commissioner Williams to approve Resolution No. 2020R-23.
SECOND by Commissioner Murphy. The motion carried unanimously.

Public Hearings

Resolution No. 2020R-25 - Belmont Academy Charter School Project

A resolution providing for the issuance of up to \$15,000,000 in aggregate principal bonds in one or more tax-exempt and taxable series for the principal purpose of loaning the proceeds to Belmont Academy, Inc.

The public hearing opened and closed without comment.

MOTION by Commissioner Murphy to adopt Resolution No. 2020R-23.
SECOND by Commissioner Williams. The motion carried unanimously.

Ordinance No. 2020-07 – Noise Ordinance

An ordinance amending the County Code of Ordinances entitled “Offenses and Miscellaneous Provisions” by providing for noise control.

Amendments were made to sections 74-105J and 74-106H.

The public hearing opened.

Stephen Dicks with Farm Bureau offered comment.
Wendell Durrance with All Tech Raceway offered comment.

The public hearing closed.

MOTION by Commissioner Ford to adopt Ordinance NO. 2020-07 with amendments.
SECOND by Commissioner Williams. The motion carried unanimously.

Consent Agenda:

MOTION by Commissioner Murphy to approve the consent agenda. SECOND by Commissioner Ford. The motion carried unanimously.

- (1) BCC Administration - Memorandum of Understanding - CareerSource Florida Crown - Services During and After Declared Emergencies
- (2) BCC Administration - Minutes - Workshop/Special Meeting - July 09, 2020
- (3) BCC Administration - Minutes - Workshop/Special Meeting - July 16, 2020
- (4) BCC Administration - Minutes - Regular Meeting - July 16, 2020
- (5) BCC Administration - Minutes - Regular Meeting - June 18, 2020
- (6) BCC Administration - Department of Health - FY 2019-20 Quarterly Report
- (7) Building and Zoning - Special Family Lot Permit Application - SFLP 20 14 - Daniel and Gwen Deas Deeding 3.16 Acres to Their Son, Hunter Deas.

- (8) Building and Zoning - Special Family Lot Permit Application - SFLP 20 15 - Daniel and Gwen Deas Deeding 5.68 Acres to Their Daughter, Haylee Deas.
- (9) Clerk to the Board Finance - Approval of Bills and Vouchers Submitted July 22, 2020 - \$2,050,585.31
- (10) Clerk to the Board Finance - Approval of Bills and Vouchers Submitted July 29, 2020 - \$152,850.98
- (11) Public Works - Entering Private Property - 3069 SW Mauldin Ave - Tree Removal
- (12) Public Works - Utility Permit - SE Bald Eagle Loop - AT&T
- (13) Public Works - Utility Permit - CR 242 – Comcast
- (14) Public Works - Utility Permit - CR 778 – Windstream
- (15) Public Works - Utility Permit - SW Ring Ct – Comcast
- (16) Public Works - Utility Permit - SW Sisters Welcome Rd – AECOM
- (17) Purchasing - 2020-F Annie Mattox Park Renovations - Deductive Change Order 1 - (\$10,116)
- (18) Purchasing - Return Parcel to Inventory

MOTION by Commissioner Williams to adopt the consent agenda.
SECOND by Commissioner Ford. The motion carried unanimously.

Discussion and Action Items:

Election Services - Interlocal Agreement

An interlocal agreement between the City of Lake City, Supervisor of Elections and the County to provide election services.

MOTION by Commissioner Williams to approve Interlocal Agreement for Election Services. SECOND by Commissioner Murphy. The motion carried unanimously.

Behavioral Health Transportation Plan

Staff recommended approval of the current plan that has already been implemented.

MOTION by Commissioner Williams Columbia County Behavioral Health Transportation Plan. SECOND by Commissioner Murphy. The motion carried unanimously.

Resolution No. 2020R-24 – Traffic Signals

A resolution approving the Florida Department of Transportation reimbursement agreement with Columbia County, Florida for the maintenance of traffic signals.

MOTION by Commissioner Nash to approve Resolution No. 2020R-24 for traffic signal maintenance. SECOND by Commissioner Williams. The motion carried unanimously.

Body-Worn Cameras

The Sheriff's Department requested funds from the Sheriff's Special Revenue Fund in order to provide body-worn cameras and supporting hardware for Patrol, School Resource and Drug Task Force personnel in the amount of \$160,500.

MOTION by Commissioner Williams to approve request to purchase body worn cameras in the amount of \$160,500 from the Sheriff's Special Revenue Fund Reserves. SECOND by Commissioner Murphy. The motion carried unanimously.

Suwannee River Economic Council - CARES Funds

A subrecipient agreement between the County and the State Housing Initiatives Partnership Program for additional CARES funds.

MOTION by Commissioner Williams to approve the agreement between Columbia County and the Florida Housing Finance Corporation. SECOND by Commissioner Ford. The motion carried unanimously.

State Road 100A Rail Crossing

The Florida Department of Transportation will close the rail crossing at SR 100A for approximately two nights. The proposed detour was presented for approval.

MOTION by Commissioner Nash to approve night time detour of State Road 100A. SECOND by Commissioner Ford. The motion carried unanimously.

Richardson Community Center/Annie Mattox Park North

The Richardson Community Center and Annie Mattox Park North Inc. requested the County assist with Wi-Fi services for the Community Center. They proposed the County buy the equipment and pay half of the monthly service charges.

MOTION by Commissioner Nash to approve request for Wi-Fi equipment and to pay 50% of monthly service charges at the Richardson Community Center in the amount of \$9,247. SECOND by Commissioner Williams. The motion carried unanimously.

BA 20-55 – Women’s Club Renovations – Bid No. 2020-L

The low bidder was over the budgeted amount by \$30,350. The City of Lake City will pay half the bid and has agreed to the increase. The increase in cost to the County would be \$15,175.

MOTION by Commissioner Williams to approve BA 20-55 and award the contract to the low bidder J.D. Adams in the amount of \$86,000. SECOND by Commissioner Murphy. The motion carried unanimously.

Proclamation No. 2020P-08

A proclamation naming August 14, 2020 as P. DeWitt Cason day.

MOTION by Commissioner Nash to approve Proclamation NO. 2020P-08. SECOND by Commissioner Ford. The motion carried unanimously.

Falling Creek Road

Commissioner Williams requested that a tree that was in danger of falling be removed from the County right of way on Falling Creek road.

MOTION by Commissioner Williams to have the tree removed. SECOND by Commissioner Murphy. The motion carried unanimously.

Private Roads

Commissioner Ford would like Poor Man’s Glen, a private road in his district, repaired due to emergency services being unable to reach the home of a handicapped child.

Discussion ensued.

MOTION by Commissioner Witt to make the necessary repairs. SECOND by Commissioner Ford. The motion carried unanimously.

Open Public Comments and/or Questions:

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

Jim Rountree, Sylvester Warren and Stewart Lilker – the Civil War monument in the City Park.

Commissioner Comments:

Commissioner Murphy – Regional utilities

Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

ATTEST:

Toby Witt, Chairman
Board of County Commissioners

P. DeWitt Cason
Clerk of Circuit Court