

Columbia County
Board of County Commissioners

Minutes of
August 18, 2022

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 Robby Hollingsworth, Timothy Murphy, Toby Witt, Rocky Ford and Ronald Williams

Others in Attendance: County Manager David Kraus ("CM")
Assistant County Manager Kevin Kirby ("ACM")
County Attorney Joel Foreman
Deputy Clerk Susan Heimer

Agenda Additions/Deletions

Additions: None

Deletions: None

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

Presentations

By Jennifer Daniels - Economic Development Specialist

- (1) Economic Development Update – Regarding FPL's *Project Illumination* is presumed to start construction in early 2023.

Public Hearings

Jennifer Dubose, Code Compliance Officer

- 1) SD 0200 - A Request by James B. Smith of North Florida Professional Services, Agent for Daniel Crapps, Trustees of Windswept Land Trust, Owner, for Preliminary Plat Approval of "Windswept Industrial Subdivision, Unit 7" District 3, Commissioner Hollingsworth.

The public hearing opened.

Citizen Terry Rasmussen offered a comment.

The public hearing closed.

MOTION by Commissioner Williams to approve request of Preliminary SD 0200.
SECOND by Commissioner Witt. The motion carried unanimously.

Consent Agenda:

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

- (1) BCC Administration - Columbia County SHIP Annual Report
- (2) BCC Administration - Florida Crown Community Grant Application - \$3,000
- (3) BCC Administration - Promotional Materials for Public Use - \$1,700
- (4) Finance - Bills and Vouchers - 8-3-22- \$881,581
- (5) Economic Development - NFEDP - Appointments - Commissioner Toby Witt & Jennifer Daniels
- (6) Public Works - Utility Permit - Clay Electric - SW Bedenbaugh LN

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

Discussion and action items

Kevin Kirby, Assistant County Manager

- (1) FY 22/23 Small County Consolidated Solid Waste Grant Agreement - \$93,750. This grant is from the Florida Department of Environmental Protection and is utilized to assist in the cost of litter removal on county roads.

MOTION by Commissioner Ford to approve and execute FY 22/23 Small County Consolidated Solid Waste Grant Agreement in the amount of \$93,750. SECOND by Commissioner Williams. The motion carried unanimously. "See Attached Agreement".

- (2) Bid No. 2022-Z - Construction Manager at Risk (CMAR) for Wastewater Treatment Facility at NFMIP - \$47,275. During the August 4, 2022 meeting the Board of County Commissioners accepted staff's recommendation of Wharton-Smith, Inc. as the highest ranked company responding to Bid No. 2022-Z. As a result of that selection, staff has negotiated an agreement with Wharton-Smith, Inc. to serve as the Construction Manager at Risk (CMAR) for the construction of the Wastewater Treatment Facility at the North Florida Mega Industrial Park. The Pre-construction fees are established at \$47,275.00. The guaranteed maximum price (GMP) will be brought back to the Board at a subsequent meeting once the pre-construction activities are near completion.

MOTION by Commissioner Murphy to approve and execute the Construction Project Agreement with Wharton-Smith, Inc. to serve as the Construction Manager at Risk for the construction of the Wastewater Treatment Facility at the North Florida Mega Industrial Park. SECOND by Commissioner Williams. The motion carried unanimously. "See Attached Agreement".

- (3) Bid No. 2022-AA - Generator Maintenance Services - \$37,252. The County Received four (4) qualified bids for Bid No. 2022-AA Generator Maintenance Services. Staff is recommending the Board award the bid to the lowest qualified bidder. ACF Standby Systems, LLC.

MOTION by Commissioner Williams to approve the bid to ACF Standby Systems in the amount of \$37,252. SECOND by Commissioner Witt. The motion carried unanimously.

- (4) Conceptual Site and Building Design of a Community Center - Task Order with North Florida Professional Services ("NFPS") - \$23,700. Staff requested the approval of a Task Order with North Florida Professional Services in the Amount of \$23,700.00 for the purpose of preparing a Conceptual Site and Building Design of a Community Center Facility at Bethlehem Community Park. Upon Completion NFPS will be able to provide a cost estimate to complete the project.

MOTION by Commissioner Witt to approve task order with North Florida Professional Services in the amount of \$23,700. SECOND by Commissioner Ford. The motion carried unanimously.

David Kraus, County Manager

- (5) Visit Florida Vacation Guide - Advertising Agreement - \$16,934

MOTION by Commissioner Williams to approve the contract for Columbia County's advertisement in the 2023 Visit Florida Vacation Guide for \$16,933.75. SECOND by Commissioner Ford. The motion carried unanimously. "See Attached Agreement".

- (6) Columbia County Recreation Department Reorganization

An update was provided on the Columbia County Recreation Department Reorganization.

Commissioner Williams offered a comment.

Citizen Harold Perry offered a comment.

No Motion was offered.

Joel Foreman, County Attorney

- (7) Request for Adoption Hearing of proposed Ordinance 2022-10, which relates to Trespass Warnings being issued on County property.

In recent months, county administration has invoked its power to have no trespass warnings issued to certain individuals from county owned facilities. While this power is provided by general law, a lack of clarity on the County's administrative appeal process creates vulnerabilities to legal challenges to this exercise of power.

MOTION by Commissioner Murphy to set an adoption hearing for Ordinance 2022-10, Trespass Warning on County Property. SECOND by Commissioner Ford. The motion carried unanimously.

(8) Request for Adoption Hearing - Ordinance 2022-11 - Amendments to Sexual Offender and Sexual Predator Code

This office has been approached by the Columbia County Sheriff's Office concerning conflicts between the County's existing code regulating sexual offenders and sexual predators and existing state law. The conflicts are complicating enforcement of sexual offender and sexual predator registration and supervision, because the Sheriff must comply with state laws that sometimes makes it very difficult to comply with the County's codes.

MOTION by Commissioner Ford to set an adoption hearing for Ordinance 2022-11, amending the County's sexual offender and sexual predator codes, on September 25th, 2022. SECOND by Commissioner Murphy. The motion carried unanimously. See attached Ordinance.

Public Comments and/or Questions

Comments were offered by the following citizens:

- Citizen Tammy Hensen
- Citizen Rebecca Curtis
- Citizen Terry Rasmussen
- Citizen Sonja Yarbrough
- Citizen Nancy Turner
- Citizen Jeff Grant

Staff Comments

David Kraus, County Manager, offered a comment in regards to the Quarter Back Club from Columbia High School reaching out to staff about the possible interest in helping them with a new score board. Commissioner Ford advised that they are willing to making a donation to the school board and have them distribute the money as they see fit.

Commissioner Comments:

Commissioner Witt spoke on the issues regarding Suwannee River Water Management.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:38 p.m.

Robby Hollingsworth, Chairman
Board of County Commissioners

ATTEST:

James M. Swisher, Jr.
Clerk of Circuit Court