

Columbia County
Board of County Commissioners

Minutes of
April 21, 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 followed.

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: ACM Kirby – TDC Grant discussion

Deletions: CM Kraus – Remove item 4 from Consent Agenda

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

Presentation of Ministerial Matters Not Requiring Public Comment

Heather Janney, County Extensions Director

- (1) Florida 4-H Public Speaking Program County Contest Winners –
4th Grade: Sydnee Muphy, Westside Elementary Speech Title: *Do You Have Time for Equality?*

Other Presentations Not Requiring Board Vote or Action

Presentation by Engineer Jamie Bell

- (1) North Florida Mega Industrial Park Wastewater Treatment Plant Presentation – Jones Edmunds. See attached.

- (2) Presentation on Sustainable Water Supply Plan –Environmental Consulting & Technology, Inc. (“ECT “)

The Board of County Commissioners awarded RFQ 2021-I for Aquifer Recharge and Wastewater Reuse Consulting Services to ECT on September 2, 2021. ECT proposes a study to identify and implement alternative water supply solutions, which will be grant funded.

Presentation were given on behalf of ECT

Jen Mathia, Water Permitting and Compliance Group Leader
David Kelly, Principal Scientist

MOTION by Commissioner Murphy to authorize County staff to seek grant funding. SECOND by Commissioner Witt. The motion carried unanimously.

Public Hearings

Brandon Stubbs, Community Development Coordinator

- (1) SD 0197 - A request by James B. Smith of North Florida Professional Services, agent for Daniel Crapps, Trustees of Windswept Land Trust, owner, for Final Plat Approval of "Windswept Industrial Subdivision, Unit 6". The Planning & Zoning Board held a hearing on March 24th, 2022, and voted 5-0 to recommend approval to the Board of County Commissioners.

The public hearing opened and closed without comment.

MOTION by Commissioner Murphy to approve plat for Windswept Industrial Subdivision, Unit 6. SECOND by Commissioner Hollingsworth. The motion carried unanimously.

- (2) SD 0198 - A request by Angel Cardoso, owner, for Final Plat Approval of "Cardoso Farms Subdivision". The Planning & Zoning Board held a hearing on March 24th, 2022, and voted 5-0 to recommend approval to the Board of County Commissioners.

The public hearing opened and closed without comment.

MOTION by Commissioner Witt to approve the final plat for Cardoso Farms.
SECOND by Commissioner Williams. The motion carried unanimously.

(3) SD 0199 - A request by Carol Chadwick, P.E., agent for Ruthie Rowan, Trustees of Rowan Living Trust, owner, for Final Plat Approval of "Country Lake in Woodborough, Phase 6". The Planning & Zoning Board held a hearing on March 24th, 2022, and voted 5-0 to recommend approval to the Board of County Commissioners.

The public hearing opened and closed without comment.

MOTION by Commissioner Williams to approve the final plat for Country Lake in Woodborough, Phase 6. SECOND by Commissioner Murphy. The motion carried unanimously.

Consent Agenda: CM Kraus removed Item (4) from the agenda

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

- (1) BCC Administration - Corrections to FY 2021 - 22 Contract with Columbia County Health Department and Financial Report
- (2) BCC Administration - Request for Fireworks - Fort White Graduation
- (3) BCC Finance - BA 22-57 - Lake City-Columbia County Youth Baseball - \$9,000
- (4) Building Department - Special Family Lot Permit Application - SFLP 22 11 – Jerrica Walden Deeding 1 Acre to her Grandparents, Harry and Doris Scott
- (5) Finance - Bills and Vouchers - 4/13/22- \$920,042
- (6) Fire Department - Accept Firehouse Sub Grant
- (7) Public Works - BA 22-56 Budget Amendment - Tournament Revenues - \$4,225
- (8) Public Works - Utility Permit - Clay Electric - SE CR 245
- (10) Public Works - Utility Permit - Comcast - SE CR 252

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

Discussion and Action Items:

Joel Foreman, County Attorney

- (1) Request for Adoption Hearing – Ordinance Amending Solid Waste Ordinance for Grease and Oil Traps

The Ordinance will amend the existing protocols and ordinances to comply with the Florida Department of Environmental Protection's consent order. These changes will protect against grease and oil infiltration at the Ellisville Wastewater Treatment Plant.

MOTION by Commissioner Witt to set adoption hearing for May 19, 2022. SECOND by Commissioner Ford. The motion carried unanimously.

Kevin Kirby, Assistant County Manager

- (1) Columbia County Detention Center repairs

The completion of the detention center repairs project has closed out. The budgeted cost for this project is \$16,072,359 with a remaining balance of approximately \$240,000. There are repairs needed in the kitchen. Staff has generated a list with the estimated cost for kitchen equipment and repairs located in E-Section of the existing jail. Staff is looking to use remaining unused balance for the previous project to repair kitchen.

MOTION by Commissioner Williams to approve request to fund repairs and new kitchen equipment in the amount of \$183,845 for the E section of the existing jail from the remaining balance of \$240,000 from new jail project, and approve to allocate the balance of \$56,155 to the Jail Administration Design project. SECOND by Commissioner Ford. The motion carried unanimously.

- (2) Bid No. 2022-02 – SW Old Wire Road - \$833,300

The County received five bids for the above referenced solicitation.

MOTION by Commissioner Witt to approve bid and contract to C.A. Boone Construction, Inc. in the amount of \$833,300. SECOND by Commissioner Murphy. The motion carried unanimously.

- (3) Bid No. 2022-03 – Picadilly Park North subdivision road and paving project - \$532,501

The County received five bids for the above referenced solicitation.

MOTION by Commissioner Ford to approve bid and contract to V.E. Whitehurst & Sons, Inc. in the amount of \$532,501. SECOND by Commissioner Murphy. The motion carried with a vote of 4-1 with Commissioner Witt voting in opposition.

David Kraus, County Manager

(1) Independent Contractor's Agreement - Purchasing – Second Amendment

Consultant Michael Null continues to provided purchasing services to Columbia County. His contract with the County is set to expire soon and the County wishes to continue to retain his services. The County is in the process of interviewing candidates for a Purchasing Officer, but in the meantime wishes to retain Mr. Null's services, and to allow him sufficient time to train the selected applicant. In addition, once the purchasing officer is trained, Mr. Null will remain under contract and be available on an as needed basis.

MOTION by Commissioner Ford to approve the second amendment of the independent contractor's agreement with Roy Michael Null. SECOND by Commissioner Murphy. The motion carried unanimously. See attached agreement.

(2) Discussion of Public/Limited/Non-Public Forums

Two Commissioners have received recent complaints concerning their safety entering County facilities. The main branch of the library has issues of homeless persons sleeping in the entry way and blocking the front door. In addition to people gathering and blocking entrances, there is the issue of the homeless persons and approaching patrons in attempts to solicit money. On occasion, the Lake City Police Department has been called to respond.

MOTION by Commissioner Ford to authorize the County Attorney to draft an ordinance on Public/Limited/Non-Public Forums. SECOND by Commissioner Williams. The motion carried unanimously.

Open Public Comments and/or Questions:

None.

Staff Comments:

None.

Commissioner Comments:

Commissioner Witt offered comments in regards to Broadband Committee, and encouraged citizens to participate in survey.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:07 p.m.

ATTEST:

Robby Hollingsworth, Chairman
Board of County Commissioners

James M. Swisher, Jr.
Clerk of Circuit Court