

Columbia County
Board of County Commissioners

Minutes of
June 1st, 2023

The Columbia County Board of County Commissioners met in a regular scheduled meeting in the auditorium of the School Board Administrative Complex at 5:30 a.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 Rocky Ford, Robby Hollingsworth, Timothy Murphy, Everett Phillips and Ronald Williams

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

Agenda Additions/Deletions

Additions:

Deletions:

MOTION by Commissioner Hollingsworth to approve the agenda. SECOND by Commissioner Phillips. The motion carried unanimously.

Consent Agenda:

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

- 1) 9-1-1 Communications Center - Driver and Vehicle Information Database System (DAVID) Agreement - Florida Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles (DHSMV)
- 2) BCC Administration - BA 23-58 Richardson Recreation Funding - \$50,000

- 3) BCC Administration - Memorandum of Understanding - Second Harvest of the Big Bend
- 4) BCC Administration - County Manager Request for Vacation
- 5) Building Department - Building Permit Fee Refund - \$100
- 6) Building Department - SFLP 2308 - Special Family Lot Permit - Juanita Barry Deeding 2 Acres to her Daughter, Kendall Barry
- 7) Building Department - SFLP 2309 - Special Family Lot Permit - Josephine Shelton Deeding 1.67 Acres to her Sister Jessica Burge
- 8) Finance - Bills and Vouchers - Date - \$2,779,895
- 9) Purchasing - BA 23-56 - Fort White Utility Equipment - \$300,000
- 10) Public Works - Private Landowner Refuse Removal Assistance Application - Rosa Charlene Lindsey
- 11) Public Works - Utility Permit - Duke Energy to Install Utility Pole on SW Rooster Lane
- 12) Public Works - Utility Permit - Duke Energy to Install Utility Pole at 6303 CR 18
- 13) Public Works - Utility Permit - Duke Energy to Install Utility Pole on SW Horton Dr.
- 14) Public Works - Utility Permit - Duke Energy to Install Utility Pole on SW Durant St.
- 15) Public Works - Utility Permit - Duke Energy to Install Utility Pole on SW Centerville Ave
- 16) Public Works - Utility Permit - Duke Energy to Install Utility Pole on SW Holstein Ave
- 17) Public Works - Utility Permit - Duke Energy to Install Utility Pole at 180 SW Rooster Lane
- 18) Public Works - Utility Permit - Duke Energy to install Utility Pole on SW Centerville Ave
- 19) Public Works - Utility Permit - Duke Energy to Install Utility Pole at 317 SW Newport Pl

20) Public Works - Utility Permit - Duke Energy to Install Utility Pole on SW Roundhouse

21) Public Works - Utility Permit - Duke Energy to Install Utility Pole on 3712 SW Centerville Road

22) Public Works - Utility Permit - Duke Energy to Install Utility Pole on SW Clewiston Ct

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

Discussion and Action Items

David Kraus County Manager

- 1) Columbia Youth Football Association – Youth football

The Columbia Youth Football Association requests the County operate the youth football program. Also, utilize the Columbia Youth Football Association as a booster organization supporting a county run program.

MOTION by Commissioner Murphy to, once the budget is presented; fund the necessary money to run the youth association program for the upcoming fall season. SECOND by Commissioner Williams. The motion carried unanimously.

Joel Foreman, County Attorney

- 2) Two-Cent Gas Tax Extension – Resolution No. 2023R-24

The County's levy of the two-cent local option gas tax on motor fuel and special fuel sold in the county is scheduled to expire on December 31, 2023. The levy was created in 1986 pursuant to Ordinance No. 86-6, and has been extended three times via Ordinance 89-4, 99-8, and 2008- 27. The 2008 extension was for a period of fifteen years.

MOTION by Commissioner Murphy to adopt Resolution No. 2023R-24 of intent to extend the Levy of the two-cent local option gas tax until December 31, 2033. SECOND by Commissioner Williams. The motion carried unanimously.

Kevin Kirby, Assistant County Manager

3) Columbia County Subdivision Design/Maintenance Manual

Stew Lilker offered comment.

MOTION by Commissioner Williams to approve Columbia County Design/Maintenance manual. SECOND by Commissioner Murphy. The motion carried unanimously.

4) Richardson Community Center – Outdoor Court Lightning

The BOCC approved a Capital Project to install outdoor court lights at the Richardson Community Center. The project was placed on hold until ownership was determined. Since, Columbia County has obtained official ownership of RCC, Staff is requesting permission to move forward with the project.

MOTION by Commissioner Murphy to approve to move forward with the capital project to install outdoor court lights. SECOND by Commissioner Williams. The motion carried unanimously.

David Kraus, County Manager

5) Renewal of County Group Health Insurance

The final negotiated renewal proposal from Florida Blue reflects a 4.8% decrease in premium.

MOTION by Commissioner Williams to approve final negotiated renewal proposal from Florida Blue of a 4.8% decrease in premium and retain the current plan benefits. SECOND by Commissioner Phillips. The motion carried unanimously.

6) Interlocal Agreement – Medical Examiner Services

Pursuant to Chapter 406, Florida Statutes, the Medical Examiner for District IV provides service to two counties of District III, Columbia County and Hamilton County. This Interlocal Agreement would renew the agreement with the City of Jacksonville for Medical Examiner Services and establishes the rates for these services.

MOTION by Commissioner Williams to approve Interlocal Agreement with the City of Jacksonville for Medical Examiner Services. SECOND by Commissioner Murphy. The motion carried unanimously.

7) BA 23-57 – Federal Forfeiture Funds - \$134,435

The Sheriff has requested \$134,435 from Sheriff's Federal Forfeiture fund to replace service weapons.

MOTION by Commissioner Murphy to approve BA 23-57. SECOND by Commissioner Hollingsworth. The motion carried unanimously.

8) Termination of Interlocal Agreement – Building Official Services

On May 24, 2023, the City of Lake City provided a Notice of Termination for the Interlocal agreement for Building Official Services with a last day of November 20, 2023.

Discussion ensued, no action was taken.

9) 911 Dispatch Consolidation Update

At the May 24, 2023 workshop, the Commissioner Williams requested an update on efforts to consolidate the dispatch of the Sheriff, County Fire, Lake City Police and City Fire Departments under the County PSAP. A meeting will be held on Tuesday May 30 to discuss consolidation, and the results of this meeting will be presented to the Commission.

Tom Brazil offered comment.

Katina Dicks offered comment.

Stew Lilker offered comment.

Consensus to bring it back in the budget amendment for the money for the consolidation.

Open Public Comments and/or Questions:

Members of the public offering comment were:

- Stew Lilker

Staff Comments:

Joel Foreman mentioned a recurring issue in acquiring property with illegal zonings. Went through LDR's.

Commissioner Comments:

None.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 11:33 p.m.

ATTEST:

Rocky Ford, Chairman
Board of County Commissioners

James M. Swisher, Jr.
Clerk of Circuit Court