

Columbia County
Board of County Commissioners
Special Meeting/Budget Workshop

Minutes of

April 30, 2015

The Columbia County Board of County Commissioners met in a special meeting /workshop at the auditorium of the School Board Administrative Complex at 9:00a.m. The meeting opened with prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

Commissioners in Attendance: Chairman Rusty DePratter, Scarlet Frisina,
Ronald Williams, and Everett Phillips.
(Commissioner Nash was absent due to a family emergency)

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

Public Comments

There were none.

Opening Remarks

Chairman DePratter briefly explained that the intent of today's workshop was to hear staff's recommendations for the budget and to discuss things the commission would like to change.

Commissioners Comments

Commissioner Williams asked if the Commission could make a decision on something today if they saw a need.

Commissioner DePratter answered yes.

Budget Workshop Presentation

ACM Scott stated that staff needs some direction before they get started in the budget process therefore staff has scheduled three workshops. This is the first.

ACM Scott gave a PowerPoint presentation that reviewed the county debt, finances and both a long and short term overview of the major budgetary impacts.

The PowerPoint presentation included the following documents:

- Florida Statute 951.26
- Right-of-Way Acquisition Guidelines
- Resolution No. 2015-
RE:The Columbia County Financial Reserves Policy

Ellisville Interchange

CM Williams gave the Commission a summary of the historical projects which have been considered by the board to enhance economic development at the Ellisville interchange.

Code Enforcement Magistrate

County Attorney Joel Foreman suggested a need to do some restructuring in this department and asked that the Commission consider budgeting funds to do so.

“Next Steps”:

ACM Scott asked the Commission to take this information, study it and make recommendations to staff that will be discussed at the next scheduled meeting.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 12:10 p.m.

ATTEST:

Rusty DePratter, Chairman
Board of County Commissioners

P. DeWitt Cason
Clerk of Circuit Court