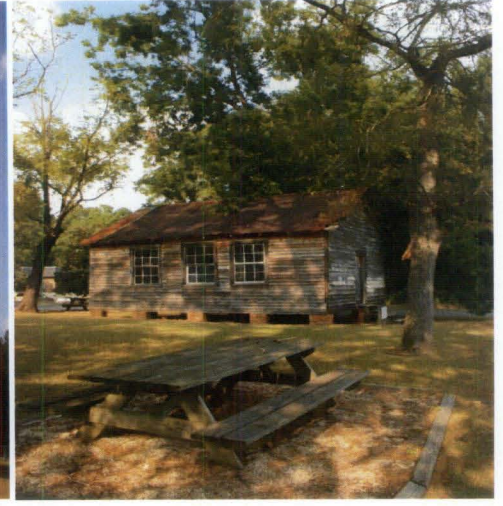


Annual Budget

Columbia County, Georgia

Fiscal Year Ending

June 30, 2011



Fiscal Year 2011 Budget
Columbia County, Georgia
July 1 - June 30

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The Government Finance Officers Association of the United States and Canada (GFOA) presented a Distinguished Budget Presentation Award to Columbia County, Georgia, for its annual budget for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2009. In order to receive this award, a governmental unit must publish a budget document that meets program criteria as a policy document, as an operations guide, as a financial plan, and as a communications device.

This award is valid for a period of one year only. We believe our current budget continues to conform to program requirements, and we are submitting it to GFOA to determine its eligibility for another award.

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Columbia County Board of Commissioners



Left to Right: District 1 Commissioner Ron Thigpen, District 2 Commissioner Trey Allen, Countywide Chairman Ron Cross, District 3 Commissioner Charles Allen, District 4 Commissioner Scott Dean

The Board of Commissioners seeks to provide the necessary county services in the most cost-efficient and effective manner and to provide the foundation and guidelines necessary for the future prosperity of Columbia County. Each Commissioner is chairman over a committee which provides the conduit for information and business to be conducted from the various County departments and the Board of Commissioners.

The Board of Commissioners meets the first and third Tuesday of every month at 6 PM. The meetings are held in the Auditorium of Building A at the Evans Government Center. Commission meetings are on the County's [website](#) and are broadcast on WBEK (Comcast channel 103 or Knology channel 96) on Saturday at 10 AM.

Ron C. Cross

Chairman

Term: 2007-2010



Member:

Community Emergency Services Committee

Management Financial Services Committee

Development Services Committee

Public Works Services Committee

The Countywide elected Chairman conducts all Board of Commission (BOC) meetings, prepares and presents the BOC agenda, and appoints Commission members for each BOC standing committee. He also represents the County at all official functions, executes all contracts and agreements, and is a voting member of each of the four standing committees. Ron has completed the County Commissioner Training Program and the Certified Commissioners Advance Program by the Association County Commissioners of Georgia (ACCG) and the University of Georgia (UGA).

Ron Thigpen

Vice Chair

Term: 2007-2010

District 1



Ron has served as the Chairman of the Development Authority. He completed the County Commissioner Training Program by the ACCG and UGA and is currently pursuing the Certified Commissioners Advanced Program.

Chair: Public Works Services Committee

Vice Chair: Management and Financial Services Committee

Trey Allen

Term: 2009-2012

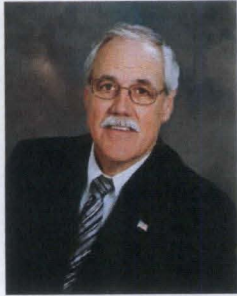
District 2



Trey completed the County Commissioner Training Program by the ACCG and UGA and is currently pursuing the Certified Commissioners Advanced Program.

Chair: Community and Emergency Services Committee

Vice Chair: Development Services Committee



J. Charles Allen, Jr.

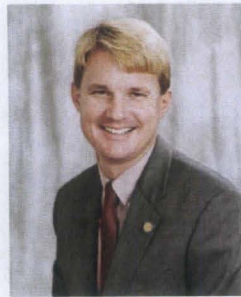
Term: 2009-2012

District 3

Charles completed the County Commissioner Training Program by the ACCG and UGA and is currently pursuing the Certified Commissioners Advanced Program.

Chair: Development Services Committee

Vice Chair: Community and Emergency Services Committee



Scott Dean

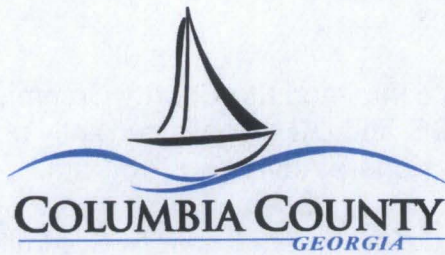
Term: 2008-2010

District 4

Scott is the former Mayor of Harlem. He completed the Georgia Municipal Association training and the County Commissioner Training Program by the ACCG and UGA. He is currently pursuing the Certified Commissioners Advanced Program.

Chair: Management and Financial Services Committee

Vice Chair: Public Works Services Committee



Our Vision: To be recognized as a world-class community and local government.

Our Mission: To provide efficient and cost-effective essential services in a professional manner.

Our Values: To maintain the highest level of ethical and performance standards.

Our Pledge: We will serve as responsible stewards of public assets, interests, and trust.

TOP TEN GOALS FOR 2010

1. Balance budget with no mileage increase and have a multi-year financial plan
2. Complete construction at Evans Town Center Park per the revised master plan
3. Close out 1996/2000, 2001/2005, and 2006-2010 SPLOST programs and 2006 GO Bond projects
4. Meet with local businesses and developers
5. Complete Halifax and Betty's branch stream bank improvements, Swint Road and Freeman Harris Road water lines, Petersburg retention, and Ridge Crossing Section II and III and William Few stormwater improvements
6. Complete the ROW acquisition/contract for William Few North, the North Belair Road/Industrial Park Drive widening, and paving of Crawford Place Road, Hinton Wilson Road, Knob Hill Farm Road, and Rance Perry Road
7. Apply for State and Federal Grants
8. Market Recycling Center and monitor viable commodities to accept at the Center
9. Complete construction of the Euchee Creek and Leah fire stations and the addition to the Sugarcreek station and review ambulance locations and possible need for additional ambulance
10. Implement electronic bid/RFP process

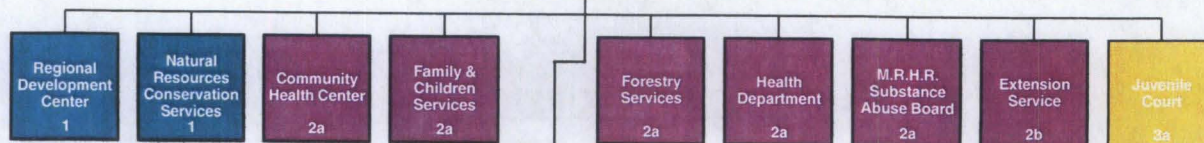
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Columbia County Electorate

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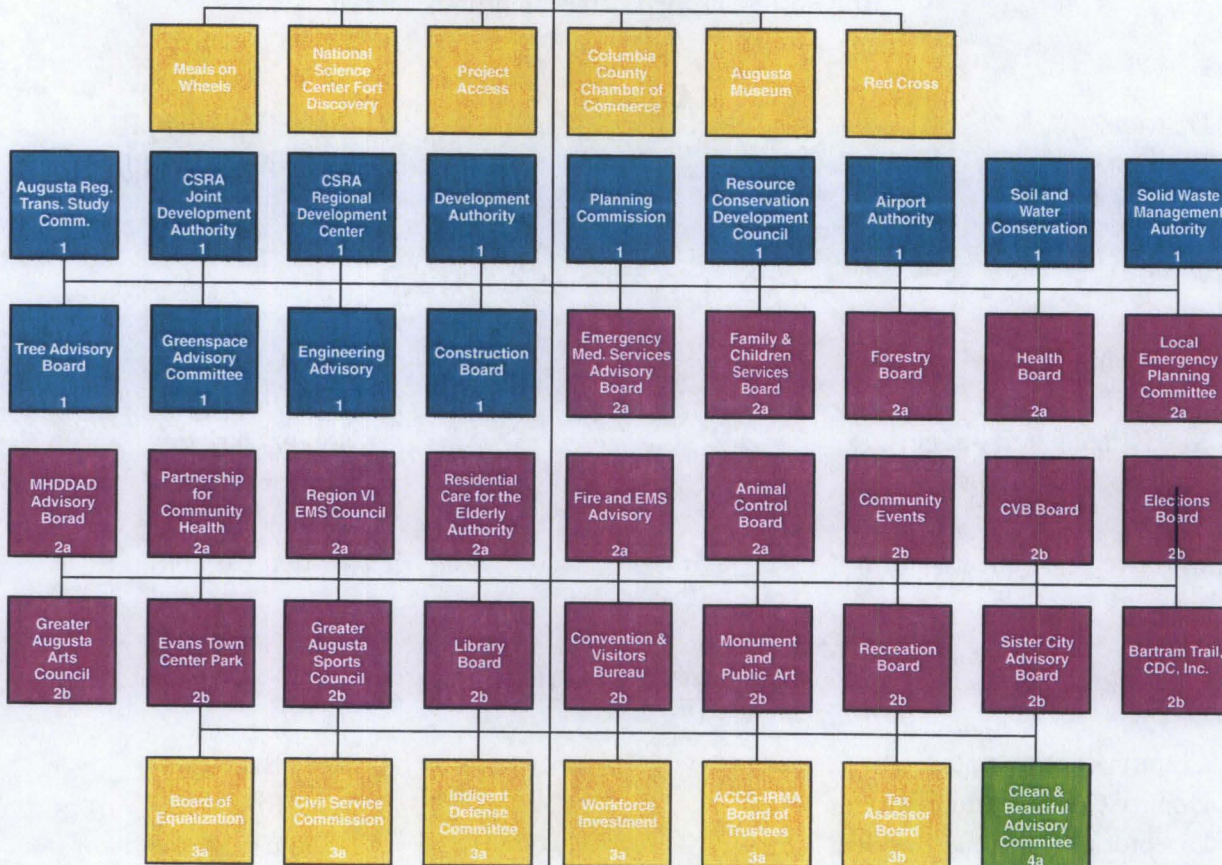
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County Administrator
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A. Citizens of Columbia County

B. Elected and Constitutional Officials

C. State supported services and organizations

D. Regional Partnerships

E. Local Partnerships

F. County Boards and Authorities

G. County Administrator and direct reports

H. Committees that report to the Board of Commission

I. County Divisions

COLUMBIA COUNTY, GEORGIA
PRINCIPAL OFFICIALS
June 30, 2010

ELECTED OFFICIALS

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Ron C. Cross, Chairman
Ronald L. Thigpen, Vice Chairman, District 1

District 2
District 3
District 4

James E. Allen, III
J. Charles Allen, Jr.
A. Scott Dean

CONSTITUTIONAL OFFICERS

Tax Commissioner
Clerk of Court
Magistrate Court Judge
Probate Court Judge
Sheriff
Coroner

Kay Allen
Cindy Mason
Bobby Christine
Pat Hardaway
Clay Whittle
Vernon Collins

APPOINTED OFFICIALS

County Administrator
Deputy County Administrator
Director of Financial Services
Director of Development Services
Director of Community and Leisure Services
Director of Water and Sewerage Services
Director of Construction and Maintenance Services
Director of Emergency Services
County Clerk
County Attorney

Steve Szablewski
Scott Johnson
Leanne C. Reece
Richard Harmon
Barry Smith
William C. Clayton
Matt Schlachter
Pamela P. Tucker
Erin Hall
Douglas D. Batchelor, Jr.

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Charlene R. Sharkey

Charlene R. Sharkey, Deputy Clerk
Board of Commissioners
Columbia County, Georgia

RESOLUTION NO. 10-848

RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF COLUMBIA COUNTY, GEORGIA ADOPTING AN ANNUAL BALANCED BUDGET FOR ALL FUNDS USED BY COLUMBIA COUNTY, GEORGIA FOR FISCAL YEAR 2010/2011

THIS RESOLUTION adopted by the Board of Commissioners of Columbia County, Georgia (the "Board").

WHEREAS, it is the duty of the Board to adopt and operate under an annual balanced budget for the general fund, each special revenue fund, and each debt service fund in use by the local government pursuant to Section 36-81-3(b)(1) of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated ("O.C.G.A."); and

WHEREAS, nothing shall preclude a local government from adopting a budget for any funds used by the local government in addition to those specifically identified, including enterprise funds and internal service funds; and

WHEREAS, the Board has determined the legal level of budgetary control to be the department level and has approved budgetary policies as outlined in Section III of the *Columbia County Financial Management Policies* manual; and

WHEREAS, a notice of a public hearing was published in the Columbia News Times, a newspaper of general circulation throughout Columbia County (the "Newspaper") at least one (1) week prior to the public hearing that was held on the proposed budget, which public hearing was held on May 4, 2010, at least one week prior to the meeting of the Board at which adoption of the budget resolution was considered, all as required by Section 36-81-5(f) and (g) O.C.G.A.; and

WHEREAS, a report of the proposed budget was published in the Newspaper at least one week prior to the adoption of this Resolution, as required by Section 36-81-6(a) O.C.G.A.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board and it is hereby resolved by authority of same as follows:

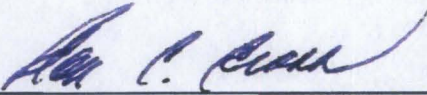
Section 1. Adoption of Annual Balanced Budget for Fiscal Year 2010/2011. The annual balanced budget for Fiscal Year 2010/2011 for all funds of Columbia County, GA, in the form attached hereto and made a part hereof as Attachment A is hereby adopted. Nothing shall preclude the Board from amending this budget so as to adapt to changing governmental needs during said Fiscal Year.

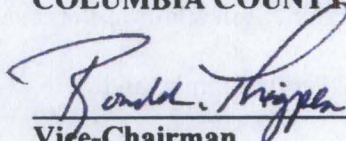
Section 2. Fiscal Year. The Fiscal Year for Columbia County, GA, shall be July 1, 2010 through June 30, 2011.

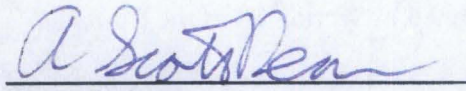
Section 3. Effective Date. This Resolution shall be effective upon its adoption.

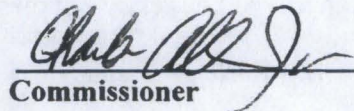
Resolution adopted June 1, 2010.

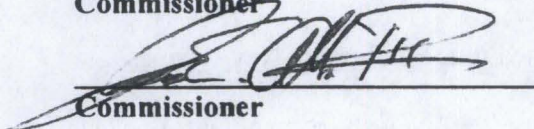
**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
COLUMBIA COUNTY, GEORGIA**


Chairman

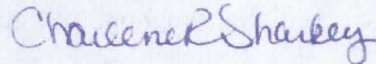

Vice-Chairman


Commissioner


Commissioner


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Charlene R. Sharkey, Deputy Clerk
Board of Commissioners
Columbia County, Georgia

CLERK'S CERTIFICATE

I, Erin E. Hall, Clerk of the Board of Commissioners of Columbia County, Georgia, (the "Board") **DO HEREBY CERTIFY** that the foregoing pages of typewritten matter constitute a true and correct copy of a resolution, passed by the Board of Commissioners at a regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners duly held on June 1, 2010 at 6:00 p.m., open to the public and in which a quorum was present and acting throughout, and that the original of said Resolution appears of record in the Minute Book of the Board, which is in my custody and control.

Given under my hand and seal of the Board, this 1st day of June, 2010.



**CLERK, BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
OF COLUMBIA COUNTY, GEORGIA**

[COUNTY SEAL]

ATTACHMENT A BUDGET SUMMARY

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	REVENUES				EXPENDITURES			
	2010 ORIGINAL	2010 REVISED	2011 PROPOSED	PCT CHANGE	2010 ORIGINAL	2010 REVISED	2011 PROPOSED	PCT CHANGE
GENERAL FUND	\$ 56,466,877.00	\$ 56,758,629.00	\$ 54,123,958.00	-4.15%	\$ 56,466,877.00	\$ 56,704,913.57	\$ 54,123,958.00	-4.15%
BUILDING STANDARDS FUN	\$ 1,289,284.00	\$ 1,289,284.00	\$ 1,216,055.00	-5.68%	\$ 1,289,284.00	\$ 1,289,224.00	\$ 1,216,055.00	-5.68%
LIBRARY BOARD	\$ 160,000.00	\$ 160,000.00	\$ 160,000.00	0.00%	\$ 160,000.00	\$ 158,797.99	\$ 160,000.00	0.00%
RECREATION ADVISORY BO	\$ 28,363.00	\$ 28,363.00	\$ 26,945.00	-5.00%	\$ 28,363.00	\$ 27,776.70	\$ 26,945.00	-5.00%
STREET LIGHTS FUND	\$ 1,315,400.00	\$ 1,315,400.00	\$ 1,315,400.00	0.00%	\$ 1,315,400.00	\$ 1,314,718.12	\$ 1,315,400.00	0.00%
SHERIFF'S 911 FUND	\$ 2,430,850.00	\$ 2,430,850.00	\$ 1,751,977.00	-27.93%	\$ 2,430,850.00	\$ 2,414,779.30	\$ 1,751,977.00	-27.93%
DRUG COURT	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 10,000.00	0.00%	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 10,000.00	0.00%
DRUG ABUSE TREATMENT	\$ 25,000.00	\$ 25,000.00	\$ 25,000.00	0.00%	\$ 25,000.00	\$ 25,000.00	\$ 25,000.00	0.00%
SUPPLEMENTAL JUVENILE	\$ 60,000.00	\$ 60,000.00	\$ 60,000.00	0.00%	\$ 60,000.00	\$ 60,000.00	\$ 60,000.00	0.00%
JAIL FUND	\$ 150,000.00	\$ 150,000.00	\$ 150,000.00	0.00%	\$ 150,000.00	\$ 150,000.00	\$ 150,000.00	0.00%
FEDERAL ASSET SHARING	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 20,000.00	0.00%	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 20,000.00	0.00%
STATE CONDEMNATION FUN	\$ 30,000.00	\$ 30,000.00	\$ 30,000.00	0.00%	\$ 30,000.00	\$ 30,000.00	\$ 30,000.00	0.00%
COMMUNITY CENTER OPERA	\$ 740,350.00	\$ 740,350.00	\$ 459,000.00	-38.00%	\$ 740,350.00	\$ 728,397.10	\$ 459,000.00	-38.00%
LODGING TAX FUND	\$ 567,824.00	\$ 567,824.00	\$ 567,824.00	0.00%	\$ 567,824.00	\$ 564,117.51	\$ 567,824.00	0.00%
MULTIPLE GRANT FUND	\$ 56,819.00	\$ 56,819.00	\$ 54,840.00	-3.48%	\$ 56,819.00	\$ 56,819.00	\$ 54,840.00	-3.48%
FIRE SERVICES FUND	\$ 9,125,796.00	\$ 9,238,382.00	\$ 9,193,294.00	0.74%	\$ 9,125,796.00	\$ 9,238,382.00	\$ 9,193,294.00	0.74%
SHERIFF'S GIFTS/DONATI	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 20,000.00	0.00%	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 20,000.00	0.00%
INSURANCE PREMIUM TAX	\$ 6,021,653.00	\$ 6,021,653.00	\$ 4,040,000.00	-32.91%	\$ 6,021,653.00	\$ 5,975,825.81	\$ 4,040,000.00	-32.91%
COMMUNITY EVENTS FUND	\$ 30,000.00	\$ 40,070.00	\$ 30,000.00	0.00%	\$ 30,000.00	\$ 39,669.00	\$ 30,000.00	0.00%

