

COLUMBIA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS



L to R: District 1 Commissioner Ron Thigpen, District 2 Commissioner Trey Allen, County-wide Chairman Ron Cross, District 3 Commissioner Charles Allen, and District 4 Commissioner Bill Morris

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 between the various County departments and the Board of Commissioners.

The Board of Commissioners typically meets the first and third Tuesday of every month at 6 p.m. in the Auditorium of Building A at the Evans Government Center. Commission meetings are on the County's website (columbiacountyga.gov) and are broadcast on WBEK (Comcast channel 103 or Knology channel 96) on Saturday at 10 a.m.

Ron C. Cross
Chairman
Term: 2011-2014



Member:
Community Emergency Services Committee
Management Financial Services Committee
Development Services Committee
Public Works Services Committee

The Countywide elected Chairman conducts all Board of Commissioners (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: 2011-2014
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.

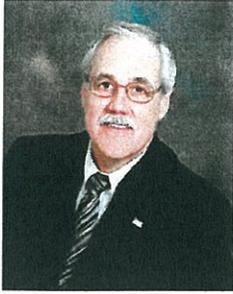
Chair: Management and Financial Services Committee
Vice Chair: Development Services Committee

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: Public Works Services Committee
Vice Chair: Community and Emergency 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: Management and Financial Services Committee



Bill Morris

Term: 2011-2014

District 4

Bill retired from the Columbia County Board of Education and completed the County Commissioner Training Program by the ACCG and UGA.

Chair: Community and Emergency Services Committee

Vice Chair: Public Works Services Committee



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

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

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

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

FY 2011/12 PRIORITIES, OBJECTIVES, AND INITIATIVES

1. Balance budget with no reduction in services and lower the millage rate.
2. Complete Broadband construction (\$18 million Stimulus project) and begin marketing of towers/fiber.
3. Finish the design and right-of-way for the \$39 million Washington Road widening project.
4. Continue cost-savings initiatives such as the Management Review Team to reduce costs and promote projects/programs that increase sales tax so the County can become less dependent on property taxes.
5. Implement the regional T-SPLOST program which was approved in a referendum in July 2012. This 1% sales tax becomes effective January 1, 2013.
6. Strive to complete all capital improvement projects funded by SPLOST and bonds on time and under budget.
7. Open a fire station to cover citizens south of I-20 and coordinate with fire department to transfer deeds for the remaining fire stations to the County.
8. Successfully negotiate new Local Option Sales Tax distribution rates with the Cities of Grovetown and Harlem to be effective January 1, 2013, and continue for a period of 10 years.
9. Finish and open Family Y/Event Center at the Gateway as well as the Gateway Blvd Extension.
10. Finalize plans for independent library system.

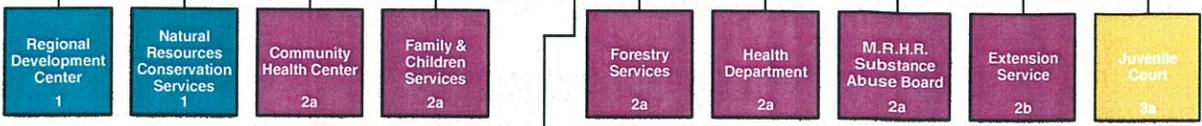
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Columbia County Electorate

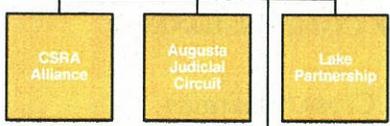
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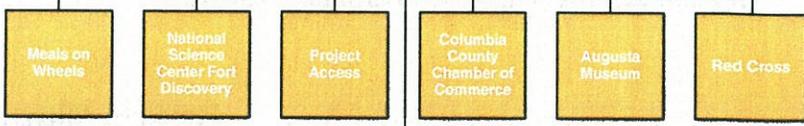
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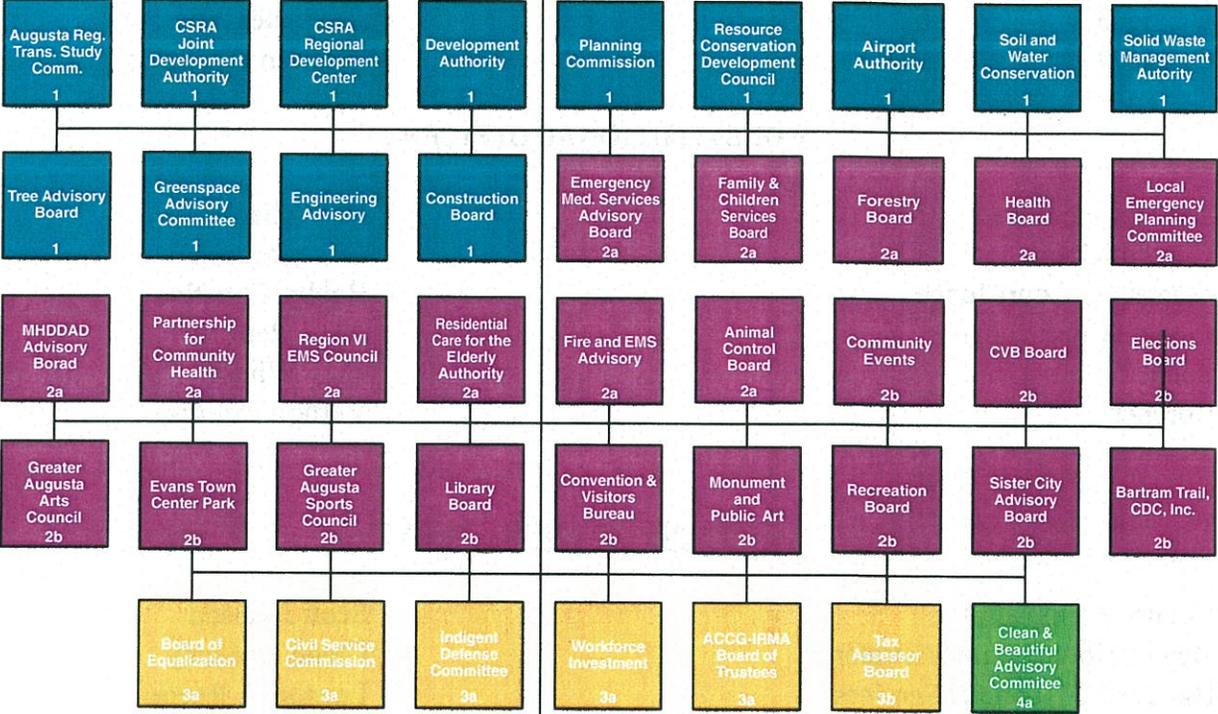
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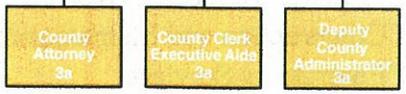


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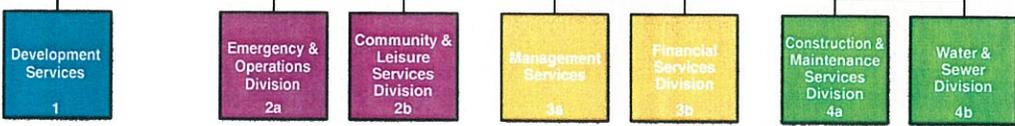
County Administrator 3



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**COLUMBIA COUNTY, GEORGIA
PRINCIPAL OFFICIALS
September 1, 2012**

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.
William D. Morris

CONSTITUTIONAL OFFICERS

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

Kay Allen
Cindy Mason
Bobby Christine
Alice Padgett
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

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

RESOLUTION 12-996

**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 2012/2013**

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 601.1 of the *Columbia County Comprehensive Policy* 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 1, 2012, 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 2012/2013. The annual balanced budget for Fiscal Year 2012/2013 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, 2012 through June 30, 2013.

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

Resolution adopted June 5, 2012.

**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
COLUMBIA COUNTY, GEORGIA**



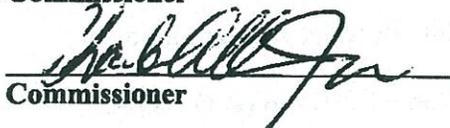
Chairman

Vice-Chairman



Commissioner

Commissioner



Commissioner

ATTACHMENT A BUDGET SUMMARY

	REVENUES			EXPENDITURES			PCT CHANGE
	2012 ORIGINAL	2012 REVISED	2013 PROPOSED	2012 ORIGINAL	2012 REVISED	2013 PROPOSED	
GENERAL FUND	\$ 55,126,087.00	\$ 59,137,321.00	\$ 55,994,971.00	\$ 55,126,087.00	\$ 59,137,321.00	\$ 55,994,971.00	1.58%
BUILDING STANDARDS FUND	\$ 1,272,026.00	\$ 1,272,026.00	\$ 1,415,145.00	\$ 1,272,026.00	\$ 1,272,026.00	\$ 1,415,145.00	11.25%
LIBRARY BOARD	\$ 110,000.00	\$ 110,000.00	\$ 105,000.00	\$ 110,000.00	\$ 110,000.00	\$ 105,000.00	-4.55%
RECREATION ADVISORY BD	\$ 26,945.00	\$ 26,945.00	\$ 26,945.00	\$ 26,945.00	\$ 26,945.00	\$ 26,945.00	0.00%
STREET LIGHTS FUND	\$ 1,615,400.00	\$ 1,615,400.00	\$ 1,620,400.00	\$ 1,615,400.00	\$ 1,615,400.00	\$ 1,620,400.00	0.31%
SHERIFFS 911 FUND	\$ 2,085,000.00	\$ 2,085,000.00	\$ 2,181,056.00	\$ 2,085,000.00	\$ 2,085,000.00	\$ 2,181,056.00	4.61%
DRUG COURT	\$ 25,000.00	\$ 25,000.00	\$ 25,000.00	\$ 25,000.00	\$ 25,000.00	\$ 25,000.00	0.00%
DRUG ABUSE TREATMENT	\$ 25,000.00	\$ 25,000.00	\$ 25,000.00	\$ 25,000.00	\$ 25,000.00	\$ 25,000.00	0.00%
SUPPLEMENTAL JUVENILE	\$ 50,000.00	\$ 50,000.00	\$ 40,000.00	\$ 50,000.00	\$ 50,000.00	\$ 40,000.00	-20.00%
JAIL FUND	\$ 150,000.00	\$ -	\$ 150,000.00	\$ 150,000.00	\$ -	\$ 150,000.00	0.00%
FEDERAL ASSET SHARING	\$ 20,000.00	\$ -	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 20,000.00	\$ -	\$ 20,000.00	0.00%
STATE CONDEMNATION FUND	\$ 50,000.00	\$ 50,000.00	\$ 50,000.00	\$ 50,000.00	\$ 50,000.00	\$ 50,000.00	0.00%
LODGING TAX FUND	\$ 576,305.00	\$ 576,305.00	\$ 662,040.00	\$ 576,305.00	\$ 576,305.00	\$ 662,040.00	14.88%
MULTIPLE GRANT FUND	\$ 201,931.00	\$ 201,931.00	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 201,931.00	\$ 201,931.00	\$ 5,000.00	-97.52%
FIRE SERVICES FUND	\$ 9,852,054.00	\$ 9,852,054.00	\$ 10,143,973.00	\$ 9,852,054.00	\$ 9,852,054.00	\$ 10,143,973.00	2.96%
SHERIFFS GIFTS/DONATIONS	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 20,000.00	0.00%
INSURANCE PREMIUM TAX	\$ 3,800,000.00	\$ 4,035,510.00	\$ 4,600,000.00	\$ 3,800,000.00	\$ 4,035,510.00	\$ 4,600,000.00	21.05%
COMMUNITY EVENTS FUND	\$ 30,000.00	\$ -	\$ 30,000.00	\$ 30,000.00	\$ -	\$ 30,000.00	0.00%

ATTACHMENT A BUDGET SUMMARY

	REVENUES			EXPENDITURES			PCT CHANGE
	2012 ORIGINAL	2012 REVISED	2013 PROPOSED	2012 ORIGINAL	2012 REVISED	2013 PROPOSED	
GASUP CT CK'S COOP AUTH	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 10,000.00	0.00%
LAW LIBRARY FUND	\$ 30,000.00	\$ 30,000.00	\$ 30,000.00	\$ 30,000.00	\$ 30,000.00	\$ 30,000.00	0.00%
2001-2005 SPLOST	\$ 2,505,000.00	\$ 2,505,000.00	\$ 134,514.00	\$ 2,505,000.00	\$ 2,505,000.00	\$ 134,514.00	-94.63%
2006-2010 SPLOST	\$ 11,358,500.00	\$ 11,358,500.00	\$ 24,219,390.00	\$ 11,358,500.00	\$ 11,358,500.00	\$ 24,219,390.00	113.23%
2007 GENERAL OBLIGATION BOND PROJECTS	\$ 1,890,000.00	\$ 1,890,000.00	\$ 7,082,335.00	\$ 1,890,000.00	\$ 1,890,000.00	\$ 7,082,335.00	274.73%
2009 GO BOND/2011-2016 SPLOST	\$ 18,000,000.00	\$ 18,000,000.00	\$ 19,200,000.00	\$ 18,000,000.00	\$ 18,000,000.00	\$ 19,200,000.00	6.67%
DEBT SERVICE FUND-2007 GO BOND	\$ 6,498,636.00	\$ 6,498,636.00	\$ 6,750,525.00	\$ 6,498,636.00	\$ 6,498,636.00	\$ 6,750,525.00	3.88%
DEBTSVFUND-2009GOBOND	\$ 7,039,250.00	\$ 7,039,250.00	\$ 7,202,850.00	\$ 7,039,250.00	\$ 7,039,250.00	\$ 7,202,850.00	2.32%
WATER AND SEWER FUND	\$ 27,087,600.00	\$ 27,087,600.00	\$ 27,445,400.00	\$ 27,087,600.00	\$ 27,087,600.00	\$ 27,445,400.00	1.32%
STORM WATER UTILITY FUND	\$ 2,739,749.00	\$ 2,739,749.00	\$ 2,630,000.00	\$ 2,739,749.00	\$ 2,739,749.00	\$ 2,630,000.00	-4.01%
SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT	\$ 585,725.00	\$ 585,725.00	\$ 608,545.00	\$ 585,725.00	\$ 585,725.00	\$ 608,545.00	3.90%
COLUMBIA COUNTY BROADBAND UTILITY	\$ 12,648,525.00	\$ 12,648,525.00	\$ 1,691,935.00	\$ 12,648,525.00	\$ 12,648,525.00	\$ 1,691,935.00	-86.62%
RENTAL FACILITIES	\$ 539,500.00	\$ 539,500.00	\$ 559,500.00	\$ 539,500.00	\$ 539,500.00	\$ 559,500.00	3.71%
EMPLOYEE MEDICAL FUND	\$ 6,105,451.00	\$ 6,105,451.00	\$ 6,105,451.00	\$ 6,105,451.00	\$ 6,105,451.00	\$ 6,105,451.00	0.00%
RISK MANAGEMENT FUND	\$ 911,925.00	\$ 911,925.00	\$ 914,819.00	\$ 911,925.00	\$ 911,925.00	\$ 914,819.00	0.32%
CUSTOMER SERVICE AND INFORMATION	\$ 188,933.00	\$ 188,933.00	\$ 197,764.00	\$ 188,933.00	\$ 188,933.00	\$ 197,764.00	4.67%
FLEET REPLACEMENT FUND	\$ 1,219,000.00	\$ 1,219,000.00	\$ 2,085,000.00	\$ 1,219,000.00	\$ 1,219,000.00	\$ 2,085,000.00	71.04%
	\$ 174,393,542.00	\$ 178,440,286.00	\$ 183,982,558.00	\$ 174,393,542.00	\$ 178,440,286.00	\$ 183,982,558.00	5.50%