

## 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 PM in the Auditorium of Building A at the Evans Government Center. Commission meetings are on the County's website ([columbiacountyga.gov](http://columbiacountyga.gov)) and are broadcast on WBEK (Comcast channel 103 or Knology channel 96) on Saturday at 10 AM.

**Ron C. Cross**  
**Chairman**  
**Term: 2011-2014**



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

The County-wide 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: 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.

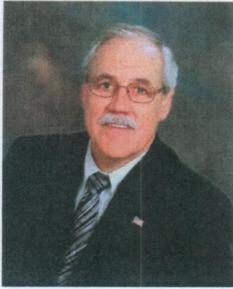
**Chair:** Management and Financial Services Committee  
**Vice Chair:** Development Services Committee

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



**J. Charles Allen, Jr.**

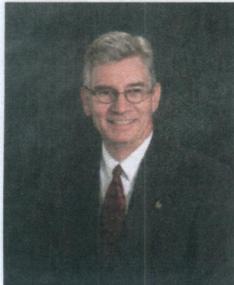
**Term: 2009-2012**

**District 3**

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

**Chair:** Community and Emergency Services Committee

**Vice Chair:** Public Works Services Committee



**Bill Morris**

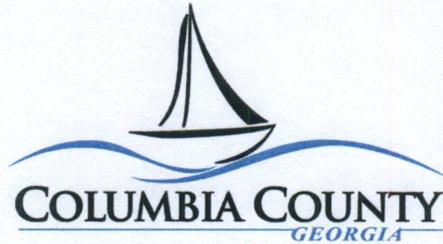
**Term: 2011-2014**

**District 4**

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

**Chair:** Public Works Services Committee

**Vice Chair:** Community and Emergency Services Committee



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

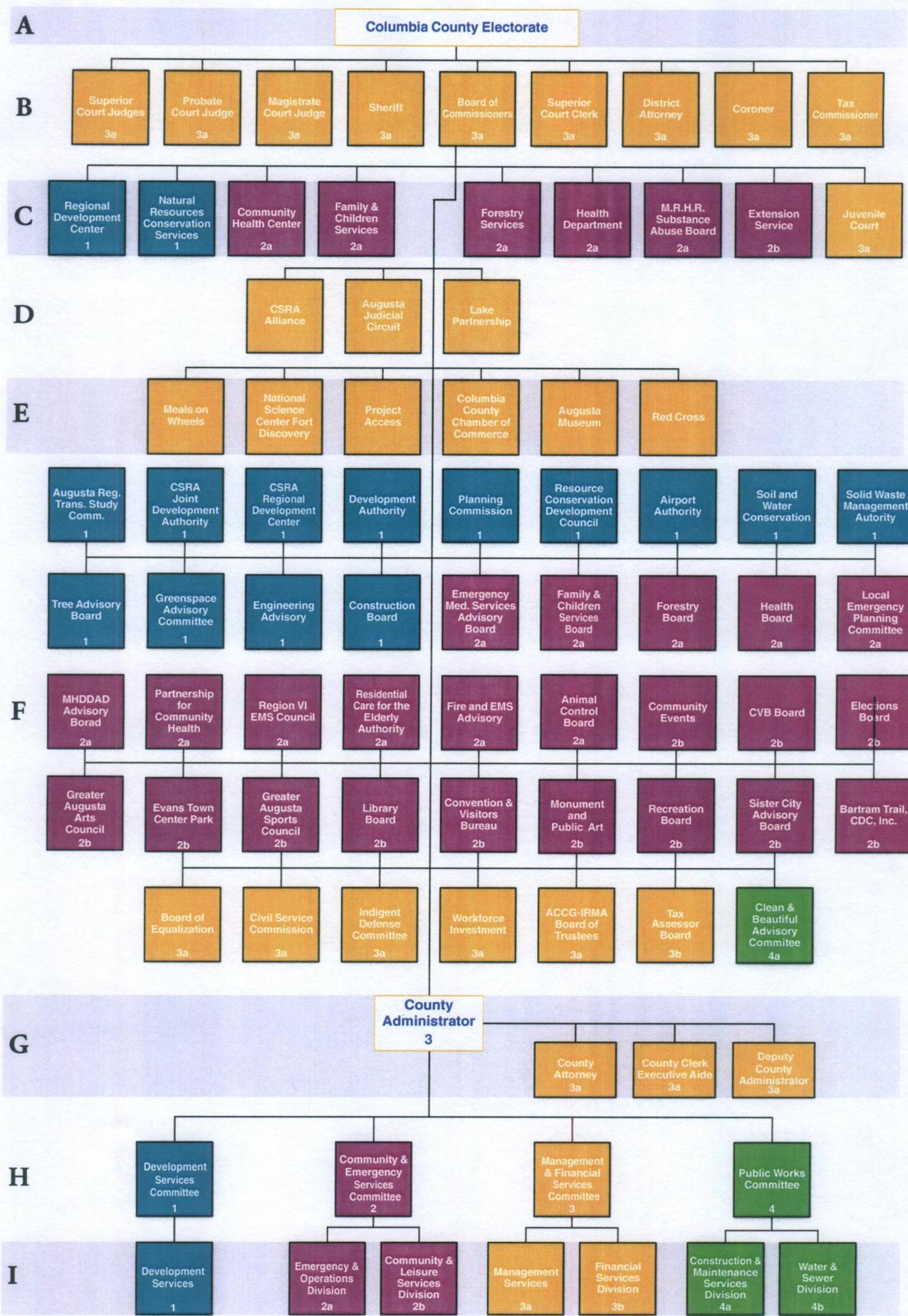
**Mission** – To provide efficient and cost-effective essential services in a professional manner.

**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. Educate the citizens on the upcoming regional T-SPLOST referendum in the summer of 2012. Passing of this referendum could greatly lower the County's cost share of future large transportation projects.
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. Complete and open the new consolidated Health Department building, Animal Services facility, Building C expansion, Recycle Center at Riverside Park, Fleet facility, Maintenance/Broadband building, and Evans Towne Center Park.
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.



- 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
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- H. Committees that report to the Board of Commission
- I. County Divisions

**COLUMBIA COUNTY, GEORGIA**  
**PRINCIPAL OFFICIALS**  
**September 1, 2011**

**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  
Vacant  
Leanne C. Reece  
Richard Harmon  
Barry Smith  
William C. Clayton  
Matt Schlachter  
Pamela P. Tucker  
Erin Hall  
Douglas D. Batchelor, Jr.

**RESOLUTION NO. 11-922**

**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 2011/2012**

**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 3, 2011, 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:

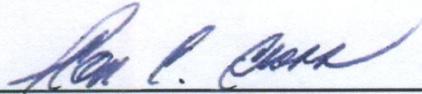
**Section 1. Adoption of Annual Balanced Budget for Fiscal Year 2011/2012.** The annual balanced budget for Fiscal Year 2011/2012 for all funds of Columbia County, GA, in the form attached hereto and made a part hereof as Attachment A is hereby adopted. Nothing shall preclude the Board from amending this budget so as to adapt to changing governmental needs during said Fiscal Year.

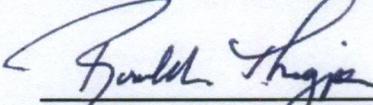
**Section 2. Fiscal Year.** The Fiscal Year for Columbia County, GA, shall be July 1, 2011 through June 30, 2012.

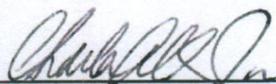
**Section 3. Effective Date.** This Resolution shall be effective upon its adoption.

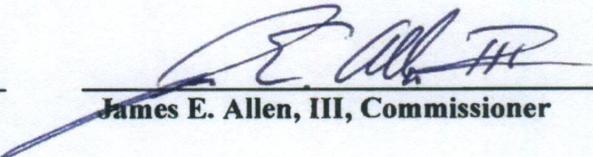
Resolution adopted June 7, 2011.

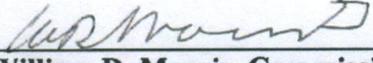
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COLUMBIA COUNTY, GEORGIA**

  
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**Charles Allen, Jr., Commissioner**

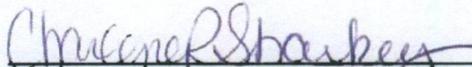
  
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**James E. Allen, III, Commissioner**

  
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**William D. Morris, Commissioner**

**CLERK'S CERTIFICATE**

I, Charlene R. Sharkey, Deputy 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 7, 2011 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 Resolution Book of the Board, which is in the custody and control of Erin E. Hall, Clerk of the Board of Commissioners of Columbia County, Georgia.

Given under my hand and seal of the Board, this 7th day of June, 2011.

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

[COUNTY SEAL]

## ATTACHMENT A BUDGET SUMMARY

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	REVENUES			EXPENDITURES				
	2011 ORIGINAL	2011 REVISED	2012 PROPOSED	PCT CHANGE	2011 ORIGINAL	2011 REVISED	2012 PROPOSED	PCT CHANGE
GENERAL FUND	\$ 54,123,958.00	\$ 54,123,958.00	\$ 55,126,087	1.85%	\$ 54,123,958.00	\$ 54,123,958.00	\$ 55,126,087.00	1.85%
BUILDING STANDARDS FUND	\$ 1,216,055.00	\$ 1,216,055.00	\$ 1,272,026.00	4.60%	\$ 1,216,055.00	\$ 1,216,055.00	\$ 1,272,026.00	4.60%
LIBRARY BOARD	\$ 160,000.00	\$ 160,000.00	\$ 110,000.00	-31.25%	\$ 160,000.00	\$ 160,000.00	\$ 110,000.00	-31.25%
RECREATION ADVISORY BD	\$ 26,945.00	\$ 26,945.00	\$ 26,945.00	0.00%	\$ 26,945.00	\$ 26,945.00	\$ 26,945.00	0.00%
STREET LIGHTS FUND	\$ 1,315,400.00	\$ 1,315,400.00	\$ 1,615,400.00	22.81%	\$ 1,315,400.00	\$ 1,315,400.00	\$ 1,615,400.00	22.81%
SHERIFF'S 911 FUND	\$ 1,751,977.00	\$ 1,751,977.00	\$ 2,085,000.00	19.01%	\$ 1,751,977.00	\$ 1,751,977.00	\$ 2,085,000.00	19.01%
DRUG COURT	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 25,000.00	150.00%	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 25,000.00	150.00%
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	\$ 50,000.00	-16.67%	\$ 60,000.00	\$ 60,000.00	\$ 50,000.00	-16.67%
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 FUND	\$ 30,000.00	\$ 30,000.00	\$ 50,000.00	66.67%	\$ 30,000.00	\$ 30,000.00	\$ 50,000.00	66.67%
RENTAL FACILITIES	\$ 459,000.00	\$ 459,000.00	\$ 539,500.00	17.54%	\$ 459,000.00	\$ 459,000.00	\$ 539,500.00	17.54%
LODGING TAX FUND	\$ 567,824.00	\$ 567,824.00	\$ 576,305.00	1.49%	\$ 567,824.00	\$ 567,824.00	\$ 576,305.00	1.49%
MULTIPLE GRANT FUND	\$ 54,840.00	\$ 54,840.00	\$ 201,931.00	268.22%	\$ 54,840.00	\$ 54,840.00	\$ 201,931.00	268.22%
FIRE SERVICES FUND	\$ 9,193,294.00	\$ 9,193,294.00	\$ 9,852,054.00	7.17%	\$ 9,193,294.00	\$ 9,193,294.00	\$ 9,852,054.00	7.17%
SHERIFF'S GIFTS/DONATIONS	\$ 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	\$ 4,040,000.00	\$ 4,040,000.00	\$ 3,800,000.00	-5.94%	\$ 4,040,000.00	\$ 4,040,000.00	\$ 3,800,000.00	-5.94%
COMMUNITY EVENTS FUND	\$ 30,000.00	\$ 30,000.00	\$ 30,000.00	0.00%	\$ 30,000.00	\$ 30,000.00	\$ 30,000.00	0.00%

