

CHARLTON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
MINUTES
THURSDAY, DECEMBER 15, 2022
BOC CONFERENCE ROOM
6:00 P.M.

12/15/2022 - Minutes

1. CALL TO ORDER

Those present were: Chairman James Everett, along with Commissioners Jesse Crews, Drew Jones and Luke Gowen; County Administrator Hampton Raulerson; County Clerk Jenifer Nobles; County Attorney John Adams; and visitors as recorded hereafter. Alphya Benefield and Becky Harden were absent.

2. INVOCATION AND PLEDGE TO THE FLAG

Chairman Everett led the Invocation and Pledge to the Flag.

3. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

Commissioner Jones made motion to amend agenda to include Consider Approval of Resolution Authorizing Application with GDOT and USDOT for Public Transit Grant. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Gowen, Board voted; motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Jones made motion to amend agenda to include Okefenokee Experience on County Property. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Gowen, Board voted; motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Gowen made motion to approve December 15, 2022 Agenda to include above mentioned agenda items. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Crews, Board voted; motion carried unanimously.

4. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

Commissioner Gowen made motion to approve December 1, 2022 Minutes. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Crews, Board voted; motion carried unanimously.

5. FINANCIAL REPORT (SECOND MEETING)

Commissioner Gowen made motion to approve Financial Report. Motion was seconded by Crews, Board voted; motion carried unanimously.

6. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF CHARLTON COUNTY PAYSACLE UPDATE

Commissioner Jones made motion to approve Charlton County Pay Scale. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Gowen, Board voted; motion carried unanimously. Pay Scale becomes integral part of Minutes.

7. CONSIDER ADOPTION OF 2023 PROPOSED BUDGET

Commissioner Gowen made motion to approve 2023 Proposed Budget. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Crews, Board voted; motion carried unanimously. Budget becomes integral part of Minutes.

8. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF 2023 PROPOSAL - GROUND WATER SERVICES

Commissioner Gowen made motion to approve Ground Water Services 2023 Proposal for Methane and Surface Water and Monitoring at Folkston and St. George Landfills. Motion was seconded by Commissioners Jones, Board voted; motion carried unanimously. Proposal becomes integral part of Minutes.

9. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF A RESOLUTION - TIA #2

Commissioner Gowen made motion to approve Resolution to consider one cent sales tax for the purpose of funding transportation infrastructure improvements in the region. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Jones, Board voted; motion carried unanimously. The current TIA (TSPLOST) is projected to end in 2026 instead of 2028 due to collections being higher than originally estimated. In order to begin the regional planning process, 10 of the 18 counties must pass a resolution supporting a regional TIA. So far 8 counties have passed their resolution. If the process is started soon, the SGRC's goal is to have it on the May ballot in 2024.

10. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF BIDS FOR TIMBER SITE PREP

Bids were received for timber site prep +/- 17 acres at Spanish Creek and 121

Ferrell Timber - chopping \$85 per acre
bedding - \$85 per acre
raking - \$105 per hour
Total - \$4,465.00

Mizell Development - spot raking \$180 per hour
Savannah Plow bedding with skidder - \$90/acre
Total cost estimate for raking and double bedding - \$300 per acre

Commissioner Gowen made motion to award bid to Ferrell Timber. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Jones. After discussion, the motion was rescinded.

Commissioner Crews made motion to authorize Hampton to award bid, contingent upon start up date and insurance certificate. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Gowen, Board voted; motion carried unanimously.

11. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF VARIANCE REQUEST FOR NATASHA MAXWELL

Commissioner Crews made motion to table approval of variance request for Natasha Maxwell. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Gowen, Board voted; motion carried unanimously.

12. E911 UPDATE

Sheriff Robert Phillips was present and reported that CAD is complete for the E911 System. Trunc lines should be in place by June 1, 2022, and we are currently advertising for 5 positions. June 4, 2023 is deadline for completion of E911 system.

13. PUBLIC COMMENTS: (PLEASE LIMIT TO 3 MINUTES)

Natasha Maxwell was present and asked for status of variance request. The Board informed her that approval was tabled until more information is presented.

14. COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS

Commissioner Jones made motion to approve Resolution Authorizing Application with GDOT and USDOT for Public Transit Grant. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Gowen, Board voted; motion carried unanimously. Resolution becomes integral part of Minutes. Resolution becomes integral part of Minutes.

Commissioner Crews made motion to table decision to approve Okefenokee Experience on County Property (John Harris Building property). Motion was seconded by Commissioner Gowen, Board voted; motion carried unanimously.

15. EXECUTIVE SESSION (IF REQUIRED)

None.

16. NEXT BOC MEETING, THURSDAY, JANUARY 5, 2023 - BOC CONFERENCE ROOM 6:00 P.M.

17. ADJOURN

Commissioner Crews made motion to adjourn meeting at 6:50 p.m. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Gowen, Board voted; motion carried unanimously.

James E. Everett, Chairman

Jenifer Nobles, County Clerk