

CHARLTON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
MINUTES
THURSDAY, MAY 18, 2023
BOC CONFERENCE ROOM
6:00 P.M.

5/18/2023 - Minutes

1. CALL TO ORDER

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

2. INVOCATION AND PLEDGE TO THE FLAG

Commissioner Benefield led the Invocation and Pledge to the Flag.

3. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

Commissioner Jones made motion to amend agenda to include at #8 - Consider AC Bids for Courthouse. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Everett, Board voted; motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Everett made motion to adopt May 18, 2023 Agenda, to include above stated amendment. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Gowen, Board voted; motion carried unanimously.

4. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

Commissioner Everett made motion to approve May 4, 2023 Minutes. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Benefield, Board voted; motion carried unanimously.

5. FINANCIAL REPORT (SECOND MEETING)

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

6. PUBLIC HEARING - NOTICE OF PROPOSED ADOPTION OF AMENDMENT TO COUNTY ORDINANCE

Chairman Crews called Public Hearing to order at 6:05 p.m. to hear comments concerning Notice of Proposed Adoption of Amendment to County Ordinance - Rules and Regulation Pertaining to Food Service - Chapter 511-6-1 Charlton County Board of Health.

7. CONSIDER ADOPTION OF PROPOSED ORDINANCE

Same being advertised, and hearing no comments from the Public, Commissioner Benefield made motion to approve adoption of Amendment to County Ordinance - Rules and Regulations Pertaining to Food Service (Adopted by the Department of Public Health and the Charlton County Board of Health). Motion was seconded by Commissioner Everett, Board voted; motion carried unanimously.

8. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF ENTERPRISE PROPOSAL

County Attorney Adams reviewed Enterprise proposal, and upon changing jurisdiction to Georgia, Commissioner Benefield made motion to approve Enterprise proposal to lease 5 vehicles - 3 for the road department, 1 for the Building Inspector, and 1 for Road Department or Recreation Department. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Gowen, Board voted; motion carried unanimously. Copy of Enterprise Agreement becomes integral part of Minutes.

Amendment to Agenda - Consider Approval of AC Bid for Courthouse -

Gantt AC - \$16,500.00

Sam Pickren AC - \$16,651.66

Commissioner Jones made motion to award bid to Gantt AC for \$16,500.00. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Gowen, Board voted; motion carried unanimously.

9. CONSIDER AMENDING ARPA AND LATCF UNENCUMBERED FUNDS

In order to shift funds in our ARPA and LATCF budgets to match how we are planning to spend funds, Commissioner Gowen made motion to approve attached spreadsheet, as discussed in last meeting.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Everett, Board voted; motion carried unanimously. ARPA funds can't be used as debt, and must be obligated by 2024 and spent by 2026. LATCF will need to be reported until all funds are expended. Spreadsheet becomes integral part of Minutes.

10. CONSIDER RELEASE OF BONDS FOR FNB SOUTH

FNB contacted us and asked that we provide a release of bonds from Truist Securities as FNB will be switching to South State Bank. Truist Securities will no longer be providing bond accounting and safekeeping services. Commissioner Gowen made motion to provide release of bonds from Truist Securities to South State Bank. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Benefield, Board voted; motion carried unanimously.

11. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF CIVIC PLUS RENEWAL CONTRACT

Commissioner Gowen made motion to approve Civic Plus Renewal Contract. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Everett, Board voted; motion carried unanimously. Civic Plus Renewal Contract becomes integral part of Minutes.

12. CONSIDER ADOPTION OF GDOT PROCUREMENT MANUAL

As part of Charlton County becoming LAP Certified (Local Administered Projects), Commissioner Everett made motion to adopt the Georgia DOT Procurement Manual Policy that complies with Federal and State regulations for projects involving federal money passing through GDOT and managed by the County. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Benefield, Board voted; motion carried unanimously.

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

Gary Tippins asked the Board status of retirement for volunteer firemen and the Bend property for a fire station. The Board informed Mr. Tippins that both are being considered.

14. COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS

The Board thanked Road Department, VFD, Sheriff Department, and EMS for their services and the way everyone works together. "We are proud to be from Charlton County".

Commissioner Crews reminded everyone to support Charlton County Indians Baseball Team, as they play in Statesboro, Monday, May 22, 2023, at Georgia Southern at 5:00 p.m. in State playoffs.

Commissioner Everett thanked everyone for working and trying to keep Charlton County clean.

Commissioner Benefield informed everyone that she has been reappointed to ACCG Board of Managers for the 11th District and will do her best to represent the district honestly.

Commissioner Crews and Administrator Raulerson reported they attended the TIA meeting and proposed projects will need to be submitted by July 14, in order to have same on the 2024 ballot for the citizens to consider.

Commissioner Crews informed the Board that Ralph Hickox, Jesup, will be holding a Homelessness meeting on May 31, at Jesup at 9:00 a.m. at the Jesup Technical Building, and asked that Board members rsvp if they plan to attend.

15. EXECUTIVE SESSION (IF REQUIRED)

None.

16. NEXT BOC MEETING, THURSDAY, JUNE 1, 2023, BOC CONFERENCE ROOM - 6:00 P.M.

17. ADJOURN

Commissioner Benefield made motion that meeting be adjourned at 6:30 p.m. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Everett, Board voted; motion carried unanimously.

Jesse A. Crews, Chairman

Jenifer Nobles, County Clerk