

CHARLTON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
MINUTES
THURSDAY, JUNE 15, 2023
ST. GEORGE COMMUNITY ROOM
6:00 P.M.

6/15/2023 - Minutes

1. CALL TO ORDER

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

2. INVOCATION AND PLEDGE TO THE FLAG

Commissioner Everett led the Invocation and Pledge to the Flag.

3. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

Commissioner Everett made motion to adopt the June 15, 2023 Agenda. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Benefield, Board voted; motion carried unanimously.

4. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

Commissioner Benefield made motion to change June 1, 2023 Minutes to read - Commissioner Gowen led the Invocation and Pledge to the Flag. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Everett, Board voted; motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Benefield made motion to adopt the June 1, 2023 Minutes. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Everett, Board voted; motion carried unanimously.

5. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF FINANCIAL REPORT

Commissioner Benefield made motion to adopt the Financial Report. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Everett, Board voted; motion carried unanimously.

6. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF BUDGET AMENDMENT FOR LIABILITY INSURANCE

Commissioner Everett made motion to approve Budget Amendment for Liability Insurance by adding \$54,150.00 to the line item - \$117,000 to \$171,150.00. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Benefield, Board voted; motion carried unanimously.

7. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF UNISON CONTRACT

Commissioner Everett made motion to approve Unison Contract, to participate in costs of personnel, travel, and variable expenses for \$5,700.00, contract period July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024. Motion was

seconded by Commissioner Benefield, Board voted; motion carried unanimously. Contract becomes integral part of Minutes.

8. DISCUSS FIREFIGHTER PENSION

Discussion of Firefighter Pension was tabled.

9. CONSIDER CHARLTON COUNTY JUNIOR FIREFIGHTERS PROGRAM

Commissioner Everett made motion to approve Junior Firefighters Program. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Benefield, Board voted; motion carried unanimously. This is a national program that will encourage interest among the youth, and a parental agreement will be signed for youth 13 - 18 years old. Program will be overseen by the fire board and supervised by chaperons.

10. DISCUSS TATTOO ORDINANCE

Discussion of Tattoo Ordinance was tabled by Commissioner Everett, seconded by Commissioner Benefield, Board voted; motion carried unanimously.

11. CONSIDER PETITION FROM ALVA J. HOPKINS TO ABANDON TOLEDO ROAD, REED LANE, AND KING LANE

The Board considered petition from Alva J. Hopkins to abandon Toledo Road, Reed Lane, and King Lane for a total of .6 mile. Timber Company owns land on both sides of the road. The petition is asking the county to abandon right of way. Commissioner Benefield made motion to authorize Attorney John Adams to provide legal description and Resolution for the Board to consider. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Everett, Board voted; motion carried unanimously.

12. ACKNOWLEDGE RECEIPT OF MAY, 2023 WELLNESS REPORT

The Board acknowledged receipt of May, 2023 Wellness Report.

13. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION OF APPRECIATION

Commissioner Benefield made motion to approve Resolution of Appreciation to the Charlton County High School Indian Baseball Team for performance of 2022-2023 State GHSA State Baseball Championship for Class A Division 11. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Everett, Board voted; motion carried unanimously. Resolution becomes integral part of Minutes.

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

None.

15. COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS

After discussion with Commissioner Benefield concerning trash pickup, the Board agreed to call the road department for trash pick up when needed.

Commissioner Crews thanked everyone for thoughts and concerns, during the loss of his mother.

Commissioner Everett commended the fire department for making the youth program available.

16. EXECUTIVE SESSION (IF REQUIRED)

None.

17. NEXT BOC MEETING, THURSDAY, JULY 6, 2023, BOC CONFERENCE ROOM - 6:00 P.M.

18. 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