

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

7/6/2023 - Minutes

1. CALL TO ORDER

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

2. INVOCATION AND PLEDGE TO THE FLAG

Commissioner Everett led the Invocation and Pledge to the Flag.

3. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

Commissioner Jones made motion to amend agenda to include after #6 - Consider Approval of Repairs for Mary, Maynor, Kenyon Brown, and Palmhurst roads for concrete, curb and gutter, to be included in East Coast Asphalt bid, for approximately \$16,000.00. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Benefield, Board voted; motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Everett made motion to adopt the July 6, 2023 Agenda to include above mentioned amendment. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Benefield, Board voted; motion carried unanimously.

4. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

Commissioner Gowen made motion to approve June 15, 2023 Minutes. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Everett, Board voted; motion carried unanimously.

5. PUBLIC HEARING - ALLEYWAY ABANDONMENT FOR VERONICA D. WOODWARD

Chairman Crews opened Public Hearing at 6:00 p.m. to hear comments concerning Alleyway Abandonment as petitioned by Veronica D. Woodward, sole owner of Block 40, lots 1- 10 of the 1904 Colony Company Domains (St. George). Hearing no comments, public hearing ended.

6. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION TO ABANDON ALLEYWAY AND ISSUE QUIT CLAIM DEED

Commissioner Jones made motion to approve Resolution to Abandon Alleyway and Issue Quit Claim Deed to Veronica D. Woodward, sole owner of Block 40, lots 1-10, of the 1904 Colony Company Domains (St. George). Motion was seconded by Commissioner Benefield, Board voted; motion carried unanimously. Resolution becomes integral part of Minutes.

Amendment to Agenda -

Commissioner Benefield made motion to approve \$16,000.00 for repairs for Mary, Maynor, Kenyon Brown, and Palmhurst roads to East Coast Asphalt for concrete, curb and gutter. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Everett, Board voted; motion carried unanimously.

7. CONSIDER APPROVAL TO WAIVE PERMIT FEE FOR ROBERT KING

Commissioner Jones made motion to waive permit fee, with restrictions, for Robert King's new home.

Motion was seconded by Commissioners Gowen for discussion. After discussion of revisiting guidelines, and consideration of cost of permit, penalties, and permit being inactive over 6 months, Commissioner Gowen withdrew second. After hearing no second, motion died. The Board asked that discussion of permit fee be on the next agenda for discussion.

8. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF BUDGET AMENDMENT

Commissioner Gowen made motion to approve Resolution for Budget adjustment #2 dated 07/06/2023.

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Everett, Board voted; motion carried unanimously. Resolution becomes integral part of Minutes.

9. DISCUSS BOARD OF ELECTIONS AND REGISTRATION PAY

Commissioner Benefield made motion to increase Board of Elections pay from \$8.50 to \$13.25 per hour, in consideration of dedication and training by the Board. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Jones, Board voted; motion carried unanimously.

10. DISCUSS SELECTION OF SUPERVISOR OF ELECTIONS

In relation to Brenda Hodges, Supervisor of Elections, resigning as of June 30, 2023, due to health reasons, Commissioner Jones made motion to authorize changing of ordinance, and approve Administrator Raulerson and Board of Elections member Teresa Hamilton and Teresa Guinn to interview for Supervisor of Elections position and bring recommendation back to the Board for consideration. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Benefield, Board voted; motion carried unanimously.

11. DISCUSS ABANDONMENT AND SELLING A PORTION OF HAROLD WHITE ROAD

Commissioner Gowen recused himself from meeting for discussion of Harold White Road. After discussion of differentiation of road abandonment and alleyway abandonment by Attorney Adams, Commissioner Benefield made motion to rescind previous vote to sale to Commissioner Gowen. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Everett, Board voted; motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Benefield made motion to approve Resolution to abandon portion of Harold White Road to Commissioner Gowen and charge \$800.00 for survey of Harold White Road. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Everett, Board voted; motion carried unanimously. Resolution and Quit Claim Deed become integral part of Minutes.

12. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF PURCHASE ORDER REQUEST

After consideration of bids:

Ferguson Waterworks - \$28,611.00
Deep South Drainage - \$28,537.00
Consolidated Pipe - \$30,887.10

Commissioner Benefield made motion to award bid to Ferguson Waterworks for \$28,611.00 for pipe for the road department. Ferguson will unload pipe. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Gowen, Board voted; motion carried unanimously.

13. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF TIA PRIORITY PROJECT

Commissioner Gowen made motion to approve potential TIA 2 Projects. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Jones, Board voted; motion carried unanimously. Listing becomes integral part of Minutes.

14. DISCUSS FIREFIGHTER PENSION

Commissioner Benefield made motion to approve Firefighter Pension plan for \$299,353.95 (after July 1). Motion was seconded by Commissioner Everett, Board voted; motion carried unanimously. The Board agreed if surplus is available at end of year, and if not, will use funds from reserve.

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

Bill Allen and Forest Allen were present and asked about paving for Ralph Davis Road. Fly ash and speed bumps were discussed. The Board advised that a petition from homeowners would need to be submitted for speed bump request and the Board discussed possibly taking up fly ash.

16. COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS

Gary Tippins, Board of Assessor, advised that assessment notices have been mailed and higher valuations, due to sales. The Board of Commissioners have no control over sales.

17. EXECUTIVE SESSION (IF REQUIRED)

None.

18. NEXT BOC MEETING, THURSDAY, JULY 20, 2023 - BOC CONFERENCE ROOM 6:00 P.M.

19. ADJOURN

Commissioner Gowen made motion that meeting be adjourned at 7:00 p.m. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Benefield, Board voted; motion carried unanimously.

Jesse A. Crews, Chairman

Jenifer Nobles, County Clerk