

CHARLTON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
MINUTES
THURSDAY, AUGUST 17, 2023
BOC CONFERENCE ROOM
6:00 P.M.

8/17/2023 - Minutes

1. CALL TO ORDER

Those present were: Vice Chairman Alpha Benefield, along with Commissioners James Everett, 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. Commissioner Jesse Crews was absent.

2. INVOCATION AND PLEDGE TO THE FLAG

Commissioner Gowen led the Invocation and Pledge to the Flag.

3. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

Commissioner Everett made motion to adopt the August 17, 2023 Agenda. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Gowen, Board voted; motion carried unanimously.

4. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

Commissioner Gowen made motion to approve August 3, 2023 Minutes. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Everett, Board voted; motion carried unanimously.

5. FINANCIAL REPORT (SECOND MEETING)

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

6. HEAR GMASS - PRESENTATION ON CHARLTON COUNTY PROPERTY VALUES

Joe Wright and Lisa Bryant, GMASS, were present and discussed property values. Mr. Wright presented update on sales and home values, stating that in 2022, the average home sale was \$153,000.00 and 2023, the average home value was \$187,000.00; a 30 percent increase on property values from 2022 - 2023.

In helping with inflation, the State of Georgia instituted the 2023 Homeowner Tax Relief Grant. Through this grant, the State of Georgia will reimburse taxpayers, who have homestead exemption, \$18,000.00 and will appear as a credit on tax bill, not an actual check.

7. CONSIDER PURCHASE OF LAWNMOWER FOR RECREATION DEPARTMENT

After receiving several bids for 2 mowers for the Recreation Department, Commissioner Jones made motion to award bid to Jones Maintenance Equipment for \$13,883.22 each, to be paid with 2020 Recreation SPLOST funds. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Gowen, Board voted; motion carried unanimously.

8. ACKNOWLEDGE RECEIPT OF WELLNESS REPORT, JULY, 2023

The Board acknowledged receipt of July, 2023 Wellness Report.

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

None.

10. COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS

Commissioner Gowen reminded the public that Tire Amnesty Week is Monday, August 21 - August 25, 2023 in Folkston and St. George.

11. EXECUTIVE SESSION (IF REQUIRED)

None.

12. NEXT BOC MEETING, THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 7, 2023 - BOC CONFERENCE ROOM

13. ADJOURN

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

Jesse A. Crews, Chairman

Jenifer Nobles, County Clerk