

CHARLTON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
MINUTES
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 2023
ST. GEORGE COMMUNITY ROOM
6:00 P.M.

9/21/2023 - Minutes

1. CALL TO ORDER

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

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 September 21, 2023 agenda as follows, and then adopt - Delete #7 and #8 - and add #7 Consider Employment of Election Supervisor - Kecia Brown, and #8 add - Consider Approval of Tyco Construction Bid for Head Start Roof. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Benefield, Board voted; motion carried unanimously.

4. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

Commissioner Everett made motion to adopt September 7, 2023 Minutes. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Jones, Board voted; motion carried unanimously.

5. FINANCIAL REPORT (SECOND MEETING)

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

6. HEAR JOHNNY THORNTON - CONSIDER WAIVING LATE FEES

Johnny Thornton, appeared before Board and asked that penalty for interest and late fees be waived on 2022 tax bill. He stated "I appealed my taxes, but paid what was owed. I never heard anything about the appeal, until I received a late notice last week that included a penalty for late fee and interest. I do not pay my bills late. If I had gotten a bill I would have paid". Commissioner Jones made motion to waive \$64.17 penalty for interest and late fees and to refund same to Mr. Thornton. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Benefield, Board voted; motion carried unanimously.

7. CONSIDER FACILITY PROVISION, MANAGEMENT AND OPERATIONS AGREEMENT

Above stated # 7 was deleted and added - Consider Employment of Election Supervisor - Kecia Brown

Commissioner Jones made motion to offer employment to Kecia Brown for Election Supervisor position. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Benefield, Board voted; motion carried unanimously.

8. CONSIDER SECURE RESIDENTIAL CARE SERVICE AGREEMENT

Above stated #8 was deleted and added - Consider Approval of Tyco Construction Bid - Head Start Roof
Commissioner Benefield made motion to award bid to Tyco Construction for \$56,606.67. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Everett, Board voted; motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Benefield made motion to amend general fund for payment of roof repair. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Everett, Board voted; motion carried unanimously.

9. CONSIDER PURCHASE OF VEHICLES AND EQUIPMENT FOR SHERIFF'S OFFICE

Commissioner Jones made motion to purchase two (2) vehicles from Woody Folsom for \$77,000.00, and purchase of equipment for vehicles from Mobile Communications of America for \$10,459.62; to be paid with 2020 SPLOST funds. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Benefield, Board voted; motion carried unanimously.

10. ACKNOWLEDGE RECEIPT OF WELLNESS REPORT, AUGUST, 2023

The Board acknowledged receipt of August, 2023 Wellness Report.

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

Robert Phillips, Sheriff was present and gave report of E911 system. Equipment still coming in, installing new repeater, and trunc lines are in. Sheriff Phillips reported that he is in touch with Board of Education and City of Folkston and Homeland for updating agreements.

Ronnie Pollock, Road Superintendent, reported that the road department is getting caught up with collecting trash debris from the Hurricane.

12. COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS

Commissioner Benefield informed the public that when purchasing vehicles, to look for water damage.

Commissioner Everett reported that he attended Okefenokee Experience meeting in Homerville, and will ask High School students for assistance and ideas for branding.

Auditorium, in the Annex Building is closed, due to unsafe conditions. The schools and Okefenokee Chamber has been notified. Architectural Engineer will be contacted for recommendations on building repairs.

Commissioner Benefield stated appreciation to Attorney Adams - "Thank you for what you do".

13. EXECUTIVE SESSION (IF REQUIRED)

None.

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

15. ADJOURN

Commissioner Jones made motion that meeting be adjourned at 6:38 p.m. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Benefield, Board voted; motion carried unanimously.

Jesse A. Crews, Chairman

Jenifer Nobles, County Clerk