

CHARLTON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
MINUTES
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 5, 2023
BOC CONFERENCE ROOM
6:00 P.M.

10/5/2023 - 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; County Attorney John Adams; and visitors as recorded hereafter.

2. INVOCATION AND PLEDGE TO THE FLAG

Invocation and Pledge to the Flag was led by Commissioner Benefield.

3. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

Commissioner Benefield made motion to amend October 5, 2023 Agenda to include Consider Approval of Intergovernmental Services Agreement for Election Services, #8. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Jones, Board voted; motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Everett made motion to approve October 5, 2023 Agenda to include above stated amendment. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Benefield, Board voted; motion carried unanimously.

4. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

Commissioner Gowen made motion to approve September 21, 2023 Minutes. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Everett, Board voted; motion carried unanimously.

5. HEAR ROGER TODD, GEORGIA FORESTRY - ANNUAL UPDATE

Roger Todd, Georgia Forestry was present and provided the Board with Annual Update. Copy of Report becomes integral part of Minutes.

6. CONSIDER MEDICAL INSURANCE RENEWAL

Medical Insurance Renewal was discussed. Commissioner Gowen made motion to approve Proposed Offering from Aetna, for \$1,825,883.16. effective date 01/01/2024 - 12/31/2024. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Benefield, Board voted; motion carried unanimously. Proposal becomes integral part of Minutes.

7. CONSIDER APPOINTMENT OF BOARD OF ELECTIONS POSITION

Commissioner Jones made motion to appoint Cathy Daniels (replace Richard Booker 4 year term), 10/05/2023 - 12/31/2026, to the Board of Elections Position. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Benefield, Board voted; motion carried unanimously.

8. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION URGING THE GOVERNOR AND GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Commissioner Benefield made motion to approve Resolution Urging the Governor and General Assembly of

Georgia to Continue Efforts to Reform and Improve Mental Health Services for the Citizens of Georgia, pending County Attorney John Adams' approval. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Gowen, Board voted; motion carried unanimously. Resolution becomes integral part of Minutes.

AMENDMENT TO AGENDA - Consider Approval of Intergovernmental Agreement for Election Services

Upon recommendation of Administrator Raulerson, Commissioner Gowen made motion to approve Intergovernmental Services Agreement for Election Services with Camden County Board of Commissioners. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Benefield, Board voted; motion carried unanimously. Intergovernmental Services Agreement becomes integral part of Minutes.

9. CONSIDER VEHICLE REPAIR FOR ROAD DEPARTMENT

Commissioner Gowen made motion to approve vehicle repair for 2014 Silverado engine for \$11,447.10; after returning used engine \$5,000.00 will be refunded; new engine will have 3 year, 100,000 mile warranty. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Benefield, Board voted; motion carried unanimously.

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

Update on Head Start roof repair was discussed.

Melodey Martindale, Chamber Director, was present and informed the Board that 2023 Okefenokee Festival is scheduled for October 14, with over 100 vendors registered. The Chamber is looking for volunteers and Clean Up Date is scheduled for October 20. The Okefenokee Gateway Getaway is scheduled for October 26 and 27 - with Clinch, Ware, Charlton, and cities from each to participate. Mrs. Martindale, also reporting that Okefenokee Pageant was a success, after needing to move location to high school.

11. COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS

Mr. Raulerson reported that Code Enforcement office, Tricia Tripp is making great progress in learning job duties, and Attorney Ensley and Magistrate McMillan are working on building code cases.

Supervisor of Elections Kecia Brown has been hired and training will begin with scheduling and working with liaison.

Commissioner Crews informed Jamison, Charlton County Herald that 70's Reunion is scheduled for Saturday, October 14, 2023 from 5 - 9 p.m.

12. EXECUTIVE SESSION (IF REQUIRED)

None

13. NEXT BOC MEETING, THURSDAY, OCTOBER 19, 2023, BOC CONFERENCE ROOM - 6:00 P.M.

14. ADJOURN

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

Jesse A. Crews, Chairman

Jenifer Nobles, County Clerk