

CHARLTON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
MINUTES
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 19, 2023
BOC CONFERENCE ROOM
6:00 P.M.

10/19/2023 - Minutes

1. CALL TO ORDER

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

2. INVOCATION AND PLEDGE TO THE FLAG

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

3. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

Commissioner Everett made motion to amend agenda at #7, Consider Approval of Memorandum of Agreement by and Between GDOT, Project No. 0016568 - CR 95/Grace Chapel Road at Spanish Creek. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Benefield, Board voted; motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Benefield made motion to adopt October 19, 2023 agenda to include above stated amendment. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Gowen, Board voted; motion carried unanimously.

4. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

Commissioner Everett made motion to adopt the October 5, 2023 Minutes. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Gowen, Board voted; motion carried unanimously.

5. FINANCIAL REPORT (SECOND MEETING)

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

6. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF RENEWAL - LONG/SHORT TERM, COUNTY PAID LIFE INSURANCE

Jonathan Shaw with NFP presented Long/Short Term Disability and County paid life insurance. NFP has secured an extension of our current rate until 2026. He presented the employee's pricing plans for next year's medical insurance. The same percentage cost share will remain the same for the County and the employees. Commissioner Benefield made motion to approve renewal for long/short term, county paid life insurance. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Jones, Board voted; motion carried unanimously. Resolution for Group Insurance Amendment becomes integral part of Minutes.

7. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT BY AND BETWEEN GDOT

Commissioner Jones made motion to approve Memorandum of Agreement by and between GDOT Project No. 0016568 - CR 95/Grace Chapel Road at Spanish Creek. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Benefield, Board voted; motion carried unanimously. In this agreement, Charlton County agrees to pay GDOT \$75,000.00 for right of way acquisition. One the project is complete, if all these funds have not been utilized, they will be remitted back to the county. The ROW that is acquired will also be turned over to the

County once the project is complete. The project is scheduled to be let in 2026. Memorandum of Agreement becomes integral part of Minutes.

8. ACKNOWLEDGE RECEIPT OF WELLNESS REPORT, SEPTEMBER, 2023

The Board acknowledged receipt of Wellness Report, September, 2023.

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

Gary Tippins, volunteer fireman, reported that Fire Chief C. L. Lewis will be out beginning November 1, for 6 weeks.

10. COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS

Commissioner Benefield thanked the Board, County Administrator Hampton Raulerson, and Attorney John Adams for willingness to purchase land near Chatman Mobley Park and informed all that we now have a deed for the property.

Attorney Adams informed the Board that he reviewed House Bills referring to Mental Health Resolution and recommended approval of Resolution.

Commissioner Crews reported that he attended Okefenokee Experience meeting and 37 people were in attendance.

The Board expressed condolences for wife of Marion Davis.

Commissioner Benefield asked prayers for Attorney Adams as he is scheduled for knee replacement on November 1.

11. EXECUTIVE SESSION (IF REQUIRED)

None.

12. NEXT BOC MEETING, THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 2, 2023, BOC CONFERENCE ROOM - 6:00 P.M.

13. ADJOURN

Commissioner Jones made motion that meeting be adjourned at 6:30 p.m. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Benefield, Board voted; motion carried unanimously.

Jesse A. Crews, Chairman

Jenifer Nobles, County Clerk