

CHARLTON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
MINUTES
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 26, 2023
BOC CONFERENCE ROOM
6:00 P.M.

10/26/2023 - 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; and visitors as recorded hereafter. County Attorney John Adams was absent.

2. INVOCATION AND PLEDGE TO THE FLAG

Commissioner Benefield led the Invocation and Pledge to the Flag.

3. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

Commissioner Gowen made motion to approve October 26, 2023 Agenda. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Benefield, Board voted; motion carried unanimously.

4. CONSIDER ADOPTION OF 2023 MILLAGE RATE

Commissioner Everett made motion to adopt millage rate for the Charlton County at 13.079. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Benefield. Commissioner Everett, Benefield, and Crews voted yes. Commissioners Jones and Gowen voted no. Motion carried.

Commissioner Benefield made motion to approve Charlton County Board of Education's millage rate at 13.59. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Everett, Board voted; motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Gowen discussed increase in School Board tax revenue. Mr. Gowen reported that he and Mr. Jones attended the school board meeting tonight and tried to get explanation for increase. Mr. Gowen stated that over 15 years, the school board increased tax revenue 5.19%, and in 2021 - 2023 the offset increased 10.01%, which was \$496,645.00, in trying to make up state's deficit.

Commissioner Gowen and Jones commended the Commissioners for decrease of 1.19% in millage rate, but felt we could have gotten millage rate down more. They thanked the staff for efforts in keeping millage rate down.

5. EXECUTIVE SESSION (IF REQUIRED)

Commissioner Everett made motion to enter executive session at 6:42 p.m. to discuss land acquisition. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Jones, Board voted; motion carried unanimously.

Chairman Crews opened meeting at 6:50 p.m. and stated land acquisition was discussed in executive session and no action was taken.

6. ADJOURN

Commissioner Jones made motion that meeting be adjourned at 6:50 p.m. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Benefield, Board voted; motion carried unanimously.

Jesse A. Crews, Chairman

Jenifer Nobles, County Clerk