

CHARLTON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
MINUTES
THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 16, 2023
BOC CONFERENCE ROOM
6:00 P.M.

1. CALL TO ORDER

Those present were Commissioners Alphya Benefield, James Everett, Drew Jones, and Luke Gowen; County Administrator Hampton Raulerson; and HR Clerk Becky Harden; and visitors as recorded hereafter. Chairman Jesse Crews, County Clerk Jenifer Nobles and County Attorney John Adams were absent. Invocation and Pledge to the Flag was led by Commissioner Everett.

2. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

Commissioner Everett made motion to amend November 16, 2023 Agenda to include hearing from members of Action Pact-Head Start, after #3. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Jones, Board voted; motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Jones made motion to approve November 16, 2023 Agenda to include above stated amendment. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Gowen, Board voted; motion carried unanimously.

3. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

Commissioner Gowen made motion to approve November 2, 2023 Minutes. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Jones, Board voted; motion carried unanimously.

AMENDMENT TO THE AGENDA – The Chairman of Action Pact and members of Charlton County Head Start came before the Board to thank them for their efforts in procuring the new roof for the Head Start Building.

4. FINANCIAL REPORT – Commissioner Gowen made motion to approve Financial Report. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Everett, Board voted; motion carried unanimously.

5. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF BUDGET AMENDMENT #3 - Commissioner Gowen made motion to approve Budget Amendment. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Jones, Board voted; motion carried unanimously.

6. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF 2024 INDIGENT SERVICES AGREEMENT -

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

7. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF HEALTH DEPARTMENT PROPOSED FEE SCHEDULE – Fees have already been approved by the Board of Health. The Board asked for more information as to why they needed to approve fees. Commissioner Gowen made a motion to table. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Jones, Board voted; motion carried unanimously.
8. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF PURCHASE ORDER REQUEST FROM SHOP FOR A PRESSURE WASHER – Three quotes were presented. Grainger - \$5996.54; O'Reilly - \$6500.00 and Folkston Auto Supply - \$7117.06. Commissioner Gowen made motion to approve the purchase from Grainger. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Everett, Board voted; motion carried unanimously.
9. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF CONCRETE CRUSHING FOR ROAD DEPARTMENT – approximately 600-1000 tons to be crushed. The cost is \$16 per ton. The estimated cost will be between \$15,000 - \$20,000. Commissioner Jones made motion to approve concrete crushing. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Everett, Board voted; motion carried unanimously.
10. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF SURPLUS LIST – items will be listed on GovDeals. If there is no interest on GovDeals then items will be scrapped. Surplus list is attached and will become an integral part of the minutes. Commissioner Gowen made motion to approve the Surplus List. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Jones; Board voted; motion carried unanimously.
11. ACKNOWLEDGE RECEIPT OF OCTOBER 2023 WELLNESS REPORT – The Board acknowledged receipt of the October 2023 Wellness Report
12. PUBLIC COMMENTS: (PLEASE LIMIT TO 3 MINUTES)
Melody Martindale, Director of the Chamber of Commerce reported to the Board the receipt of their 501C (3) status letter. She also announced that Christmas on Main will be held November 25, 2023 beginning at 3:00 p.m. The parade will begin at 7:00 p.m.
13. COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS
Commissioner Everett thanked Action Pact for what they do for the County and for attending the meeting.
Commissioner Benefield thanked the Code Enforcement Office for providing a case list and updates on violations. She also reported that County Attorney John Adams and Fire Chief C.L. Lewis are recovering from their recent surgery. She also reported that the EMS is feeling better after a recent illness.

14. EXECUTIVE SESSION (IF REQUIRED)

Commissioner Everett made motion to enter executive session at 6:22 p.m. to discuss property purchase negotiations. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Gowen, Board voted; motion carried unanimously. Vice-Chair Benefield opened the meeting at 6:36 p.m. and stated property purchase negotiations were discussed in Executive Session and no action was taken.

15. NEXT BOC MEETING, THURSDAY, DECEMBER 7, 2023 - BOC CONFERENCE ROOM 6:00 P.M.

16. ADJOURN

Commissioner Everett made motion to adjourn meeting at 6:37 p.m. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Gowen, Board voted; motion carried unanimously.

Jesse A. Crews, Chairman

Rebecca Harden, Acting Clerk