

CHARLTON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
MINUTES
THURSDAY, DECEMBER 7, 2023
BOC CONFERENCE ROOM
6:00 P.M.

12/7/2023 - Minutes

1. CALL TO ORDER

Those present were: Chairman Jesse Crews, along with Commissioners Alphya Benefield (on phone), James Everett, Drew Jones, and Luke Gowen; County Administrator Hampton Raulerson; County Clerk Jenifer Nobles; HR Clerk Becky Harden; County Administrator Hampton Raulerson; and visitors as recorded hereafter.

2. INVOCATION AND PLEDGE TO THE FLAG

Commissioner Everett led the Invocation and Pledge to the Flag.

3. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

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

4. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

Commissioner Gowen made motion to adopt the November 16, 2023 Minutes. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Everett, Board voted; motion carried unanimously.

Public Hearing was held on Thursday, November 30, 2023 at 6:00 p.m. to discuss proposed 2024 Budget. Because no concerned citizens were present, public hearing ended.

5. FINANCIAL REPORT (SECOND MEETING)

None.

6. HEAR KECIA BROWN, ELECTION OFFICE UPDATE

Kecia Brown, Supervisor of Election appeared before the Board and reported that she completed her first Election on November 7, and security looked around and will provide report once it is received. Mrs. Brown and the Board of Elections will be attending training in Athens December 10 - December 13, 2023. Her personal goal is to encourage more voter turnout and registration. She will be contacting the high school for more information, in order to initiate voter registration for the students. She stated she is here for this community.

7. HEAR ELAINE BAILEY, YOUTH CHRISTMAS TOY DRIVE FOR CHARLTON COUNTY

Elaine Bailey presented Commissioner Crews with application to use Bethune Middle School Gym on Friday, December 22, 2023 for The Champ Bailey Family Foundation to hold a Christmas Party and Toy Drive. Mrs. Bailey stated that she had been in contact with Joel Shivar, Recreation Director on line, and he asked her to present application to the Recreation Board at the meeting. She stated she showed up for meeting, but no one was present. Mrs. Bailey also came into the Commissioner's office and was asked to

return the application for approval. Mrs. Bailey had concerns of the fee and address for use of the gym.

After discussion, Commissioner Crews agreed to pay \$100.00 for the fee and Mrs. Baily will pay \$100.00 deposit, that will be refunded if gym is clean. Capacity of the gym was also discussed. The Board agreed to check on the address of the gym, also.

8. CONSIDER PAY SCALE UPDATE

Commissioner Gowen made motion to approve Pay Scale Update, which becomes integral part of Minutes. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Benefield, Board voted; motion carried unanimously.

9. CONSIDER 2024 BUDGET ADOPTION

Commissioner Everett made motion to adopt the 2024 Budget. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Benefield, Board voted; motion carried unanimously. 2024 Budget becomes integral part of Minutes.

10. CONSIDER COURTHOUSE ROOF REPAIR BIDS

Commissioner Jones made motion to table Courthouse roof repair bids. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Gowen, Board voted; motion carried unanimously.

11. CONSIDER APPOINTMENT OF BOARD OF ASSESSORS MEMBERS

Commissioner Gowen made motion to appoint Pat Booker and Yolaunda Carter to the Board of Assessors. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Jones, Board voted; motion carried unanimously.

12. COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS

Commissioner Everett extended invitation to attend Christmas Carols by the Jackson Family at the Depot on Saturday December 16, 2023 at 8:30 a.m.

Commissioner Crews and Mr. Raulerson attended TIA Regional meeting and reported list of projects will be on Ballot for May, 2024. When we have TIA, it allows counties to have more for LMIG. If we received TIA funds project cost is 90% state, 10% counties and 70% state, 30% counties without TIA.

Mr. Raulerson reported next meeting Firefighter Pension and Budget amendment will be on the agenda.

13. EXECUTIVE SESSION (IF REQUIRED)

None.

14. NEXT BOC MEETING, THURSDAY, DECEMBER 21, 2023 - BOC CONFERENCE ROOM, 6:00 P.M.

15. ADJOURN

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

Jesse A. Crews, Chairman
