

CHARLTON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
MINUTES
THURSDAY, DECEMBER 21, 2023
BOC CONFERENCE ROOM
6:00 P.M.

12/21/2023 - 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

Commissioner Benefield led the Invocation and Pledge to the Flag.

3. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

Commissioner Everett made motion to amend agenda to include at #13 - Consider Approval of Ballfield Lighting. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Benefield, Board voted; motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Gowen made motion to adopt the December 21, 2023 Agenda to include mentioned amendment. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Everett, Board voted; motion carried unanimously.

4. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

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

5. FINANCIAL REPORT (SECOND MEETING)

Commissioner Benefield made motion to approve Financial Report. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Everett, Board voted; motion carried unanimously. Financial report becomes integral part of Minutes.

6. CONSIDER BUDGET AMENDMENT

Commissioner Gowen made motion to approve 2023 Budget Amendment #4 - dated 12/21/2023. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Jones, Board voted; motion carried unanimously. Budget Amendment becomes integral part of Minutes.

7. CONSIDER WAIVING LATE FEES FOR LATITIA LEVY

Commissioner Jones made motion to approve waiving \$123.54 late fees for Latitia Levy. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Gowen, Board voted; motion carried unanimously. It was noted that PT 61 forms were not received by the Tax Commissioners office.

8. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF COURTHOUSE REPAIRS

Bids for Courthouse roof repairs were received as follows:

Tyco Construction \$12,449.25
Brantley Roofing \$30,000.00

Commissioner Gowen made motion to award bid to Tyco Construction for \$12,449.25. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Everett, Board voted; motion carried unanimously.

9. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF DUMP TRUCK REPAIRS FOR THE ROAD DEPARTMENT

Commissioner Jones made motion to approve dump truck repairs for the Road Department, up to \$20,000.00. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Benefield, Board voted; motion carried unanimously.

10. CONSIDER FIREFIGHTER PENSION CONTRIBUTION

Commissioner Gowen made motion to approve Firefighter Pension Contribution as attached. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Benefield, Board voted; motion carried unanimously.

11. CONSIDER PURCHASE OF TIRES FOR THE FIRE DEPARTMENT

The Board was provided estimates for the cost of tires for the fire department, for a total of \$24,880.00 from Advantage Commercial Tires. Commissioner Gowen made motion to award bid for \$24,880.00. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Everett, Board voted; motion carried unanimously.

12. CONSIDER PURCHASE OF FIREFIGHTER GEAR

Bids for Firefighter Gear for the fire department were received as follows:

NAFECO - \$7,020.00

Bennett Fire Products - \$8,089.00

Commissioner Jones made motion to award bid to NAFECO for \$7,020.00. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Gowen, Board voted; motion carried unanimously.

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

AMENDMENT - CONSIDER APPROVAL OF BALLFIELD LIGHTING

Bids for lighting fields at Deuce Lloyd Ballfields were received as follows:

Musco - \$9,470.00

Charlton Electric - \$10,489.50

Commissioner Gowen made motion to award bid to Musco Lighting for \$9,470.00. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Benefield, Board voted; motion carried unanimously.

14. COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS

Commissioners comments were as follows:

Status of Auditorium repairs - Engineer came last week, will follow up the first week in January.
EMS Staffing - Paramedic shortage, wrapping up Paramedics class, In need of Certified Instructor
Commissioner Benefield expressed appreciation to Pender Lloyd, Hampton Raulerson, Ronnie Pollock for improvements to District 1 - Long/Carmel Street.
Striping and Re-lining and ditch and drainage improvements will be coming the first quarter of 2024 on

Bowery Lane, to be paid with City of Folkston TSPLOST funds.

15. EXECUTIVE SESSION (IF REQUIRED)

Commissioner Benefield made motion to enter executive session at 6:30 p.m. to discuss personnel and land acquisition. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Everett, Board voted; motion carried unanimously.

Chairman Crews opened meeting at 6:45 p.m. and stated personnel and land acquisition was discussed in executive session and no action was taken.

Commissioner Everett made motion to approve conditions as set forth by Rayonier to purchase 5 acres for tower and fire station at the Bend. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Benefield, Board voted; motion carried unanimously.

16. ADJOURN

Commissioner Benefield made motion to adjourn meeting at 6:45 p.m. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Gowen, Board voted; motion carried unanimously.

Jesse A. Crews, Chairman

Jenifer Nobles, County Clerk