

CHARLTON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
MINUTES
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 1, 2024
BOC CONFERENCE ROOM
6:00 P.M.

2/1/2024 - 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 Gowen made motion to amend the February 1, 2024 agenda to include at #9 Consider Approval of Purchase Order for the Road Department to Purchase Culvert Pipe. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Benefield, Board voted; motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Everett made motion to adopt February 1, 2024 Agenda, to include above mentioned motion. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Jones, Board voted; motion carried unanimously.

4. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

Commissioner Gowen made motion to approve January 18, 2024 Minutes. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Everett, Board voted; motion carried unanimously.

5. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION IN HONOR OF ESTELLA FLEMING GERMAN

Commissioner Benefield made motion to approve Resolution in Honor of Estella Fleming German. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Jones, Board voted; motion carried unanimously.

Harry German, Jr. was presented with framed Resolution in Honor of his mother, Estella Fleming German, being recognized as Charlton County Educator and for exhibiting extraordinary devotion to public service, outstanding loyalty, fine leadership, and meticulous attention to detail in all duties. Copy of Resolution becomes integral part of Minutes.

6. 2023 ANNUAL REPORT FOR ST. MARYS RIVER MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

Merrill Varn, St. Marys River Management Committee spokesperson presented annual report of the St. Marys River Management Committee. Report becomes integral part of Minutes.

7. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF PETITION TO ABANDON ALLEYWAY AND ADVERTISE SAME FOR BETTY JEAN ROTH, ST. GEORGE, GA.

Commissioner Gowen made motion to approve Petition to Abandon Alleyway for Jean Roth, St. George, Georgia, for SG07, block 107 and advertise Notice of Intent to Abandon Alleyway, in the Charlton County Herald. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Benefield, Board voted; motion carried unanimously.

8. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF BIDS FOR TRASH TRUCK

Bids for Trash Truck were received as follows:

Swat - \$233,000.00

Kenworth - \$255,861.00

Commissioner Gowen made motion to approve bid from Swat for \$233,000.00. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Everett, Board voted; motion carried unanimously. Landfill fund monies and LATCF funds will be used to purchase truck.

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

AMENDMENT TO AGENDA - Consider Approval of Purchase Order for the Road Department to Purchase Pipes.

Bids were received for the purchase of Road Department Pipe:

Consolidated Pipe - \$9,770.40 (doesn't include some of the pipe needed)

FEI - Georgia Waterworks - \$12,879.00

Deep South Drainage - \$15,846.00

Commissioner Gowen made motion to award bid to FEI - Georgia Waterworks for \$12,879.00. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Jones, Board voted; motion carried unanimously.

10. COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS

Commissioner Benefield thanked Administration and support of the Board for preparation and presentation of Resolution for Mrs. Estella German.

Commissioner Crews and Mr. Raulerson attended Okefenokee Partnership Meeting with Clinch, Ware, and Charlton being represented (28 in total). Grant submission for Proposed Cultural Museum in Folkston, Dark Sky Observatory in Fargo, Redesign at Laura Walker, and Reconstruct Visitor Center at Okefenokee Refuge were discussed, along with youth and education programs, and small businesses in local communities.

11. EXECUTIVE SESSION (IF REQUIRED)

Commissioner Gowen made motion to enter executive at 6:25 p.m. to discuss personnel. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Benefield, Board voted; motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Crews opened meeting at 6:40 p.m. and stated personnel was discussed in executive session and no action was taken.

12. NEXT BOC MEETING, THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 2024 - BOC CONFERENCE ROOM - 6:00 P.M.

13. ADJOURN

Commissioner Benefield made motion that meeting be adjourned at 6:40 p.m. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Everett, Board voted; motion carried unanimously.

Jenifer Nobles, County Clerk