

CHARLTON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
MINUTES
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 15, 2024
BOC CONFERENCE ROOM
6:00 P.M.

2/15/2024 - Minutes

1. CALL TO ORDER

Those present were: Chairman Jesse Crews, along with Commissioners Alphya 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

Invocation and Pledge to the Flag was led by Commissioner Benefield.

3. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

Commissioner Everett made motion to amend February 15, 2024 agenda to include Discuss Ronnie Pollock (Road Superintendent) Desire to Qualify for Sheriff, to be considered at #9. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Benefield, Board voted; motion carried unanimously.

4. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

Commissioner Gowen made motion to approve February 1, 2024 Minutes. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Everett, Board voted; motion carried unanimously.

5. FINANCIAL REPORT (SECOND MEETING)

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

6. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF GEORGIA COUNTY INTERNSHIP PROGRAM GRANT AGREEMENT

Commissioner Gowen made motion to approve Georgia County Internship Program Grant Agreement for Madison Sands, 4H Agent to hire intern from May 1, 2024 to September 1, 2024 at the rate of \$15.00 per hour for a maximum reimbursement of \$3,000.00 for wages per intern. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Benefield, Board voted; motion carried unanimously.

7. CONSIDER REAPPOINTMENTS TO RECREATION BOARD

Commissioner Benefield made motion to reappoint the following to the Recreation Board:

Lester Hamilton, term expires 03/01/2026
Benji Huling, term expires 03/01/2026
Josh Popham, term expires 03/01/2026

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Gowen, Board voted; motion carried unanimously.

8. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF CHARLTON COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH FEES

Commissioner Benefield made motion to approve Health Department fees, per Code Section 31-3-4. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Gowen, Board voted; motion carried unanimously. Copy of Fees becomes integral part of Minutes.

9. ACKNOWLEDGE RECEIPT OF JANUARY, 2024 WELLNESS REPORT

The Board acknowledged receipt of January, 2024 Wellness Report.

Amendment to Agenda - Discuss Ronnie Pollock, Road Superintendent, Desire to Qualify for Sheriff

Commissioner Benefield made motion to adopt Resolution stating no engagement in political activities while working or using county vehicles (per County Personnel Policy). Motion was seconded by Commissioner Gowen, Board voted; motion carried unanimously. Resolution becomes integral part of Minutes.

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

Sharon Presely was present to discuss World Heritage Designation for Okefenokee Refuge. Commissioner Jones stated that he appreciates Mrs. Presley's objectives and expressed some of the same concerns. After discussion, the Board asked that Michael Lusk be contacted requesting scheduling of town hall meetings for discussion of same.

11. COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS

The Board expressed appreciation to all Board members for attendance and participation.

12. EXECUTIVE SESSION (IF REQUIRED)

None.

13. NEXT BOC MEETING, THURSDAY, MARCH 7, 2024, BOC CONFERENCE ROOM - 6:00 P.M.

14. ADJOURN

Commissioner Gowen made motion to adjourn meeting at 6:25 p.m. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Benefield, Board voted; motion carried unanimously.

Jesse A. Crews, Chairman

Jenifer Nobles, County Clerk