

CHARLTON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
MINUTES
THURSDAY, MARCH 7, 2024
BOC CONFERENCE ROOM
6:00 P.M.

3/7/2024 - Minutes

1. CALL TO ORDER

Those present were: Chairman Jesse Crews, along with Commissioners Alphya Benefield, and Drew Jones; County Administrator Hampton Raulerson; HR Clerk Becky Harden; County Attorney John Adams; and visitors as recorded hereafter. Commissioner Luke Gowen and County Clerk Jenifer Nobles were absent.

2. INVOCATION AND PLEDGE TO THE FLAG

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

3. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

Commissioner Benefield made motion to approve the March 7, 2024 Agenda. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Jones, Board voted; motion carried unanimously.

4. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

Commissioner Jones made motion to approve the February 15, 2024 Minutes. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Benefield, Board voted; motion carried unanimously.

5. HEAR JENNIFER BERGLUND, COMPANY 1433 PROJECT

Commissioner Benefield made motion to table presentation, due to illness. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Jones, Board voted; motion carried unanimously. Ms. Jennifer Berglund plans to be at next meeting.

6. CONSIDER AGREEMENT WITH OKEFENOKEE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE TOURISM PROMOTION SERVICES

Commissioner Jones made motion to approve Contract for Tourism Promotional Services Fund. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Benefield, Board voted; motion carried unanimously. Agreement will provide a portion of Chamber Services- promote tourism, advertising, operations. Chamber must report to the BOC on activities and provide annual audit. Contract becomes integral part of Minutes.

7. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF PARTICIPATING LOCAL GOVERNMENT DELEGATE FOR GOSAC AND RAC SLATE

Commissioner Jones made motion to approve Participating Local Government Delegate, Jesse Crews for GOSAC and RAC Slate (Opioid Distributor Settlements). Motion was seconded by Commissioner Benefield, Board voted; motion carried unanimously. The vote will be held at Appling County Annex on March 26, 2024.

8. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION TO ABANDON UNOPENED ALLEYWAY

Hearing no comments from the public, Commissioner Jones made motion to approve Resolution to Abandon Unopened Alleyway and convey to Betty Jean Roth and Christian Roth, the owners of Block 165 of the 1904 Colony Company Domains, (St. George), which appears in Plat Book A, page 1, of the land records of Charlton County, Georgia. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Benefield, Board voted; motion carried unanimously. Resolution and Quit Claim Deed become integral part of Minutes.

9. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING - FOLKSTON ICE PROCESSING CENTER

Commissioner Benefield made motion to approve Memorandum of Understanding between Folkston ICE Processing Center and Charlton County Commissioners. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Jones, Board voted; motion carried unanimously. Memorandum of Understanding becomes integral part of Minutes.

Commissioner Everett entered meeting at 6:09 p.m.

10. CONSIDER AMENDING FINANCIAL POLICIES

Commissioner Benefield made motion to amend Financial Policies. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Jones, Board voted; motion carried unanimously. Updated Financial Policy becomes integral part of Minutes.

11. CONSIDER DEUCE LLOYD LIGHTING BALLFIELD REPAIR

Commissioner Jones made motion to approve lighting project at Deuce Lloyd Softball Fields, cost \$24,111.00; Musco project number svc-499946. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Benefield, Board voted; motion carried unanimously. The project is for 2 poles and Mr. Raulerson asked that poles be capped.

12. CONSIDER AFG GRANT APPLICATION

Commissioner Everett made motion to approve AFG grant application for a new fire engine for \$390,000.00; county match is \$18,571.43. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Jones, Board voted; motion carried unanimously.

13. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF CITY OF FOLKSTON AND CHARLTON COUNTY DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY AUDIT FUNDING

Commissioner Benefield made motion that the County pay Mauldin and Jenkins, County Auditor, for City of Folkston and Charlton County Development Authority Audit Funding, approximate cost is \$10,000.00. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Everett, Board voted; motion carried unanimously.

14. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF TERMS FOR CHARLTON COUNTY DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

Commissioner Jones recused himself for the following consideration -

Commissioner Everett made motion to approve 6 year terms for Charlton County Development Authority members.

Andy Gowen, term to expire December, 2028

Josh Popham, term to expire December, 2026

Mark Pickren, term to expire December, 2027

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

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

None.

16. COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS

Commissioner Jones commented that Ronnie Pollock did great job on soccer field and horse arena.

Commissioners Everett and Crews asked that Development Authority be contacted to attend monthly meetings and give reports.

Commissioner Crews asked Recreation Director to put sign on dumpsters at Chatman Mobley Park for household trash only. Joel Shivar gave report on Chatman and Basketball Court on Ann Street, concerning trash issue; will have Blake Taylor, employee, there full time to watch over park and take care of maintenance.

Commissioner Jones asked the Board to consider putting out dumpsters at a collection site in Folkston. Hampton suggested have a manned site, preferably not road yard, but if so, would need to be fenced off.

The Board thanked Jamie Gardner, Charlton County Herald for being in attendance.

Commissioner Everett thanked Kim Bednarek for research on CCC Camp.

17. EXECUTIVE SESSION (IF REQUIRED)

None.

18. NEXT BOC MEETING, THURSDAY, MARCH 21, 2024, ST. GEORGE COMMUNITY ROOM, 6:00 P.M.

19. ADJOURN

Commissioner Jones made motion that meeting be adjourned at 6:29 p.m. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Benefield, Board voted; motion carried unanimously.

Jesse A. Crews, Chairman

Jenifer Nobles, County Clerk