

CHARLTON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING AGENDA
COUNTY AUDITORIUM
68 KINGSLAND DRIVE, SUITE B
FOLKSTON, GA 31537
THURSDAY, AUGUST 1ST, 2024 6:00 PM

8/1/2024 - Minutes

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 PM.

Present at the meeting was Chairman Jesse Crews, Commissioner Alphya Benefield, Commissioner James Everett, Commissioner Drew Jones, Commissioner Luke Gowen, County Administrator Hampton Raulerson, HR/Finance Coordinator Rebecca Harden, Deputy Clerk Madeline Nettles, and all other guests as recorded below.

2. INVOCATION AND PLEDGE TO THE FLAG

Commissioner Everett led the invocation.

3. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

Motion to adopt the agenda made by Commissioner Jones. Motion seconded by Commissioner Everett.
Motion carried unanimously.

4. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

Motion to adopt both sets of minutes made by Commissioner Everett. Motion seconded by Commissioner Benefield. Motion carried unanimously.

5. HEAR AUDIT REPORT FROM MAULDIN & JENKINS

The board heard a presentation from Trey Scott, representative of Mauldin & Jenkins, regarding the 2023 audit report.

6. HEAR PRESENTATION FROM GMASS ON PROPERTY VALUES

The board heard a presentation from Joe Wright with GMASS regarding property values.

7. HEAR REPORT FROM CHAMBER OF COMMERCE ON THE RURAL DEVELOPMENT INSTITUTE

The board heard a report from Melodey Martindale with the Chamber of Commerce regarding projects, updates, and the Rural Development Institute.

Commissioner Jones was excused from the remainder of the meeting.

8. CONSIDER APPROVING REPLACEMENT OF CULVERT PIPES ON BARKER BOULEVARD

The board received two quotes for the culvert pipe repair.

Deep South Drainage: \$8,229.00

Consolidated Pipe & Supply Company, Inc.: \$8,910.00

Commissioner Gowen made a motion to approve the lowest bid. Motion seconded by Commissioner Everett. Motion carried unanimously.

9. DISCUSS ANIMALS ORDINANCE

The board was presented with the current Folkston Leash Law and the Liberty County Animal Ordinance to review and discuss. Sheriff Robert Phillips will be hosting an animal control meeting on August 13th, 2024.

Sheriff Phillips reports he has other ordinance proposals he would like to bring to the board for consideration. He and Commissioner Benefield discussed research on one of those proposals.

No action was taken by the board at this time.

10. CONSIDER LOCAL GOVERNMENT SCRAP TIRE ABATEMENT REIMBURSEMENT PROGRAM AGREEMENT

Motion to accept agreement made by Commissioner Benefield. Motion seconded by Commissioner Everett. Motion carried unanimously.

11. CONSIDER APPOINTING VOTING DELEGATE FOR ACCG LEGISLATIVE LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE BUSINESS SESSION

Motion to appoint Commissioner Benefield as the voting delegate made by Commissioner Gowen. Motion seconded by Commissioner Everett. Motion carried unanimously.

12. CONSIDER AMENDMENT TO PERSONNEL POLICY

Motion to approve amendment made by commissioner Benefield. Motion seconded by Commissioner Everett. Motion carried unanimously.

13. CONSIDER RIGHT-OF-WAY ABANDONMENT

Attorney Adams recommended a center line survey done prior to the board considering the right-of-way abandonment. Commissioner Gowen asked County Administrator Raulerson to keep the property owners informed.

Commissioner Gowen made a motion to table the item. Motion seconded by Commissioner Everett. Motion carried unanimously.

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

Sheriff Phillips provided an update on the E-911 project. A new tower will be put behind the Sheriff's office and new grounding grid will be put in for the towers.

Sheriff Phillips updated the board on another project. The sheriff's office is waiting on computer stands for their cars. The vendor has been contacted, as they have been waiting over a year to receive them.

15. COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS

Commissioner Benefield thanked the sheriff for working on the E-911 project. She also thanked the road superintendent for doing a good job and the administration staff for their work on the audit.

Commissioner Gowen thanked the board, County Administrator Raulerson, and Finance Coordinator Harden for how they were able to all work together to get the county financially stable.

Commissioner Benefield thanked County Attorney Adams for keeping records.

HR Coordinator Harden clarified the personnel policy and who it applies to. County Administrator Raulerson and Commissioner Everett joined the discussion on the personnel policy.

16. EXECUTIVE SESSION (IF REQUIRED)

No executive session required.

17. NEXT MEETING:

The next meeting is August 15th, 2024, at 6:00 PM.

18. ADJOURN

Commissioner Gowen made a motion to adjourn. Motion seconded by Commissioner Benefield. Motion carried unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 6:58 PM.

Madeline Nettles, County Deputy Clerk