

CHARLTON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING AGENDA
ST. GEORGE COMMUNITY ROOM
13063 FLORIDA AVENUE,
ST. GEORGE, GA 31562
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 19TH, 2024
6:00 PM

9/19/2024 - Minutes

1. CALL TO ORDER

Meeting was called to order at 6:00 PM.

Present was Chairman Jesse Crews, Commissioner Alphya Benefield, Commissioner James Everett, Commissioner Drew Jones, Commissioner Luke Gowen, County Attorney John Adams, County Administrator David Headley, HR/Finance Coordinator Rebecca Harden, and County Clerk Madeline Nettles.

All guests are recorded here after.

2. INVOCATION AND PLEDGE TO THE FLAG

The invocation was led by Commissioner Benefield.

3. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

Commissioner Gowen made a motion to adopt the agenda. Commissioner Benefield seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

4. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

Commissioner Gowen made a motion to adopt both minutes. Commissioner Benefield seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

5. FINANCIAL REPORT (SECOND MEETING)

Commissioner Jones asked questions about the 911 Telephone Fund and the EMS Funds, which Finance Coordinator responded to.

Commissioner Jones made a motion to adopt the financial report. Commissioner Gowen seconded the motion.

Commissioner Everett asked about the collection rate for EMS.

The motion carried unanimously.

6. HEAR FROM GARY TIPPINS WITH BOARD OF ASSESSORS

Gary Tippins with the Board of Assessors discussed Chemours tax situation with the board. Mr. Tippins informed the Board of a meeting that will be taking place to discuss this further.

Commissioners Gowen and Jones also discussed the previously owed taxes from 2023. The Board was in agreement for Chemours to pay the county this year instead of postponing until next year.

Commissioner Jones made a motion to have Chemours pay their taxes in 2024 and be charged penalties and interest for back owed taxes from 2023. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Gowen. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Tippins also discussed the hiring of personnel in the Tax Assessor's office. He is going to meet with County Administrator Headley to discuss further.

7. CONSIDER UPDATING TRASH CAN FEES

County Administrator Headley proposed that the trash can fees be increased to \$135 for the first trash can and \$75 for each additional can. These fees must be updated by the time the millage rate is adjusted. These updated trash can fees would catch the county up, as we had not increased the rates in previous years despite cost to the county increasing.

Commissioner Gowen asked if we could renegotiate the contract with Meridian to lower the prices on citizens. County Administrator Headley stated that he would reach out to Meridian to discuss.

Commissioner Jones made a motion to update the fee if the county is unable to negotiate lower prices with Meridian. Commissioner Benefield seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

8. ACKNOWLEDGE MONTHLY PROGRESSSS REPORT

No action was taken by the board.

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

John Floyd addressed the board regarding a salary raise for supervisors in 2024. Chairman Crews asked Finance/HR Coordinator Harden to clarify the mandated salary raises for certain employees effective January 1, 2025.

No other public discussion was held.

10. COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS

Chairman Crews shared sentiments for County Administrator Headley and his work so far.

Commissioner Benefield thanked everyone for being present, including the audience, board members, employees, and County Administrator Headley.

11. EXECUTIVE SESSION (IF REQUIRED)

Commissioner Jones made a motion to enter executive session to discuss personnel. Commissioner Benefield seconded the motion. Motion was carried unanimously.

Finance/HR Coordinator Harden was excused from the executive session.

The board entered executive session at 6:32 PM.

The board exited executive session at 7:00 PM. No action was taken by the board at this time.

12. NEXT MEETING: OCTOBER 3RD, 2024 AT 6:00 PM IN THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING ROOM

13. ADJOURN

Commissioner Benefield made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Jones seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 7:01 PM.

Jesse A. Crews, Chairman

Madeline Nettles, County Clerk