

CHARLTON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
COMMISSIONERS CONFERENCE ROOM
68 KINGSLAND DRIVE, SUITE B
FOLKSTON, GA 31537
THURSDAY, DECEMBER 19TH, 2024
6:00 PM

12/19/2024 - Minutes

CALL TO ORDER

Meeting called to order at 5:56 PM.

Present was Chairman Jesse Crews, Commissioner Alphya Benefield, Commissioner James Everett, Commissioner Drew Jones, Commissioner Luke Gowen, County Administrator Glenn Hull, County Attorney John Adams, and Director of Administrative Service Rebecca Harden.

Absent was County Clerk Madeline Nettles.

INVOCATION AND PLEDGE TO THE FLAG

Invocation was led by Commissioner Benefield.

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

Commissioner Gowen motioned to adopt the agenda as presented. Commissioner Benefield seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

Commissioner Gowen made a motion to adopt the minutes as presented. Commissioner Everett seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

Public Hearing section opened at 5:58 PM.

1. PUBLIC HEARING REGARDING THE 2025 FISCAL YEAR BUDGET

Gary Tippins asked about advertising to hire for a new person in the Tax Assessors' Office. The Board of Commissioners discussed that a new person could not be hired in the office until the current employee retires due to budgetary constraints.

Gary Tippins also reported on the money

PRESENTATIONS

GRANTS AND SPLOST PROJECT

1. AUTHORIZE THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR TO ACCEPT A GRANT FROM GEMA FOR \$97,760.71 WITH A LOCAL MATCH OF \$5,865.64 FOR HAZARD MITIGATION AND THE PURCHASE 3 PORTABLE WARNING MESSAGE BOARD SIGNS

Commissioner Jones made a motion to authorize County Administrator Hull to accept the grant. Commissioner Everett seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

EMA Director Bruce Young will revise the grant for 4 signs without cameras instead of 3 signs at the new quoted price.

PURCHASING ITEMS

AGREEMENTS

1. AUTHORIZE THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR TO EXECUTE A CONTRACT FOR MONITORING AND REPORTING OF METHANE AND SURFACE WATER WITH GROUND-WATER SERVICES, INC. IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$9,300.

Commissioner Jones made a motion to authorize County Administrator Hull to execute the contract. Commissioner Benefield seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

2. MOTION TO AUTHORIZE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR TO ENTER AN INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT- 2025 INDIGENT SERVICES AGREEMENT

Commissioner Everett made a motion to authorize County Administrator Hull to enter into the agreement. Commissioner Benefield seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

PETITIONS

RESOLUTIONS

1. MOTION TO AUTHORIZE THE CHAIRMAN TO SIGN THE 2025 FISCAL YEAR BUDGET RESOLUTION

Commissioner Benefield made a motion to adopt the 2025 budget by way of the 2025 Fiscal Year Budget Resolution. Commissioner Gowen seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

ORDINANCES

MISCELLANEOUS

1. FINANCIAL REPORT

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

ADDED AGENDA ITEMS

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mrs. Elaine Bailey reported on the success of the youth Christmas event hosted by the Bailey Foundation. She thanked Director of Parks and Recreation Joel Shivar and County Administrator Glenn Hull.

Mrs. Bailey also made some recommendations to the Board about the county gym, which included making the gym more handicap accessible and upgrading the AC system if possible.

Director of Parks and Recreation Joel Shivar discussed the recreational soccer leagues attendance at the Jitterbug Regional tournament, where the county won 3 out of 5 championships. Mr. Shivar also thanked Chairman Crews for his role in the St. George recreational basketball league, where 40 children are participating.

COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS

Commissioner Benefield thanked the community for their support.

Commissioner Jones asked if GMASS has completed an audit on Chemours.

Commissioner Everett thanked the staff for their informative budget report. Commissioner Everett also reported on the county's perfect attendance at the Regional Commission meetings for 2024.

NEXT MEETING:

The next regularly scheduled meeting will be held on January 2nd, 2025, at 6:00 PM in the Board of Commissioners Meeting Room.

ADJOURN

Commissioner Benefield made a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Everett seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Meeting was adjourned at 6:24 PM.

Jesse A. Crews, Chairman

Madeline Nettles, County Clerk