

CHARLTON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
COMMISSIONERS CONFERENCE ROOM
68 KINGSLAND DRIVE, SUITE B
FOLKSTON, GA 31537
THURSDAY, MARCH, 2025
6:00 PM

3/6/2025 - Minutes

CALL TO ORDER

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

Present was Chairwoman Alpha Benefield, Commissioner Jesse Crews, Commissioner James Everett, Commissioner Drew Jones, Commissioner Luke Gowen, County Administrator Glenn Hull, County Attorney John Adams, and County Clerk Madeline Nettles.

All guests are recorded in the minutes hereafter.

INVOCATION AND PLEDGE TO THE FLAG

Commissioner Crews led the invocation.

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

County Administrator Hull proposed that items number 1 and 3 under "AGREEMENTS" should be postponed until the April 3rd meeting.

Commissioner Crews made a motion to amend the agenda. Commissioner Gowen seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Crews made a motion to adopt the agenda. Commissioner Everett seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

1. MOTION TO APPROVE THE FEBRUARY 20TH, 2025 REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

Commissioner Crews made a motion to approve the February 20th regular meeting minutes as presented. Commissioner Everett seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

PRESENTATIONS

1. PRESENTATION FROM MARY KAY LINQUIST ON BARBARA PARKER'S RETIREMENT FROM THE CHARLTON COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY

Mrs. May Kay Linquist read the proposed resolution for Mrs. Barbara Parker.

Commissioner Gowen made a motion to adopt the resolution as presented. Commissioner Everett

seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

The board presented the adopted resolution to Mrs. Parker.

2. PRESENTATION FROM MADISON SANDS, 4-H COUNTY EXTENSION COORDINATOR

Mrs. Madison Sands invited the board that the Annual 4-H AG Night is this Friday from 5-8 PM.

Mrs. Sands then introduced Rhett Brooks, a 6th grade student from Bethune Middle School who will be attending the 4-H District Competition on March 19th. Mr. Brooks was in attendance to present on the History of Chocolate.

Mr. Brooks presented the History of Chocolate to the board. Commissioner Crews commented that he learned something from Mr. Brooks' presentation.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

PETITIONS

PURCHASING ITEMS

GRANTS AND SPLOST PROJECT

AGREEMENTS

1. MOTION TO AUTHORIZE RIGHT OF WAY ACQUISITION FROM C. DAVIS AND ABANDONMENT OF PRESCRIPTIVE EASEMENT OF WOLFGANG ALLEY

Item was postponed until April 3rd meeting.

2. MOTION TO AUTHORIZE THE INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT WITH THE CITY OF FOLKSTON FOR MUNICIPAL ELECTION SERVICES

Pender Lloyd, the Manager for the City of Folkston, and County Attorney Adams confirmed the City of Folkston had already agreed to the contract.

Commissioner Jones motioned to authorize County Administrator Hull to execute the intergovernmental agreement with the City of Folkston for Municipal Election Services. Commissioner Everett seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

3. MOTION TO AUTHORIZE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR HULL TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT WITH JOC CONSTRUCTION FOR SENIOR CENTER ROOF REPAIRS

Item was postponed until April 3rd meeting.

4. MOTION TO AUTHORIZE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR HULL TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT WITH JUVARE FOR CRISIS TRACK SOFTWARE

County Administrator Hull discussed the software and its potential benefits to the county.

Commissioner Gowen asked about the costs of the software. Commissioner Jones asked about the data input.

The tax assessors and EMA will provide information to Crisis Track, who input everything. There is no implementation cost associated.

Commissioner Jones discussed his concerns.

The software would cover both private and public property in the county, and has the most updated FEMA forms, allowing for immediate submission.

Commissioner Crews made a motion to authorize County Administrator Hull to execute the agreement with Juvare for Crisis Track. Commissioner Everett seconded the motion.

Commissioners Jones and Gowen asked for additional discussion. Commissioner Jones brought attention to sections that referenced unknown additional costs and stated that he has not seen a copy of the agreement. County Attorney Adams shared that he has not seen a master agreement either.

Commissioner Gowen would like to see how this would be cost effective and would like to see how this would have assisted the county using years prior as an example.

Commissioner Crews stated that his motion to authorize County Administrator Hull to execute the agreement with Juvare for Crisis Track still stands, pending the County Attorney's review and approval of the agreement.

Commissioner Gowen expressed concern that few counties in Georgia had adopted the software yet. County Administrator Hull stated that Juvare is in negotiations with the State to implement this software statewide.

Motion to authorize County Administrator Hull to execute the agreement with Juvare for Crisis Track carried unanimously.

5. MOTION TO AUTHORIZE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR HULL TO EXECUTE SUPPLEMENTAL AGREEMENT WITH CIVICPLUS FOR AGENDA AND MEETING MANAGEMENT SOFTWARE

Due to technical difficulties, Commissioner Jones made a motion to table this item. Commissioner Gowen seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

6. MOTION TO AUTHORIZE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR HULL TO EXECUTE A SUPPLEMENTAL AGREEMENT WITH CIVICPLUS FOR ONLINE CODE HOSTING

Commissioner Gowen made a motion to table this item due to its relation to item #5. Commissioner Jones seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Crews recommended bringing the item back at the first meeting in April, alongside item #5.

ORDINANCES

RESOLUTIONS

MISCELLANEOUS

ADDED AGENDA ITEMS

COUNTY ATTORNEY'S ACTION ITEMS

The county attorney had no items.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

No public comments were made.

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR COMMENTS

County Administrator Hull informed the Commissioners of the partnership with the Development Authority to get the authority back into compliance.

County Administrator Hull invited the Commissioners to the partnership dinner with the Board of Education at 6:00 PM on March 27th, 2025, in the Folkston Elementary School cafeteria.

Mr. Jeff Bishop has recommended upgrades to the Camp Pinckney Boat Ramp. Commissioner Jones encouraged County Administrator Hull to look into grants with the Department of Natural Resources.

County Administrator Hull is working with the Coastal Pines Technical College Adult Education Administrator to find another classroom for the Charlton Adult Education Center.

County Administrator Hull provided updates on the annex building repairs, which are on track to be completed by the end of April.

The POW-WOW will be in early May. County Administrator Hull informed the Commissioners that the organizers have asked to continue using the lights at the ballpark this year, and have also asked about potential funding support from the County. County Administrator Hull reports that the POW-WOW brings an increase in local tourism annually.

Commissioner Jones asked about the county's obligation to Coastal Pines Technical College. County Administrator Hull stated Coastal Pines Technical College plans to move course completely online and would only need a classroom space to host orientation. County Administrator Hull feels the two classrooms are needed to staff. Commissioner Gowen asked what staff would potentially be moved into that space. County Administrator Hull proposed the Director of Administrative Services and her staff be moved there.

County Administrator Hull updated on the trash complaints that were previously mentioned. County Administrator Hull has spoken with the Department of Transportation who has done enhances trash pickup, and he is still working with the landfill to discuss solutions.

COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS

Commissioner Crews thanked Mrs. Connie Bass for being present at the meeting tonight. Commissioner Crews and Chairwoman Benefield shared their appreciation for the Senior Valentine's Day Dance.

NEXT MEETING:

1. NEXT MEETING IS MARCH 20TH, 2025 IN THE ST. GEORGE COMMUNITY ROOM AT 13063 FLORIDA AVE ST. GEORGE, GA 31562

A workshop, if needed, will be held at 5:00 PM.

The regular meeting will be held at 6:00 PM.

ADJOURN

Commissioner Crews made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Everett seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:41 PM.

Alphya Benefield, Chairman

Madeline Nettles, County Clerk