

CHARLTON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
COMMISSIONERS CONFERENCE ROOM
68 KINGSLAND DRIVE, SUITE B
FOLKSTON, GA 31537
THURSDAY, APRIL 17TH, 2025
5:00 PM

4/17/2025 - Minutes

CALL TO ORDER

Meeting called to order at 5:04 PM.

Present was Chairwoman Alphya Benefield, Commissioner Jesse Crews, Commissioner Luke Gowen, Commissioner Drew Jones, Commissioner James Everett, County Administrator Glenn Hull, County Clerk Madeline Nettles, and Director of Administrative Services Becky Harden.

Absent was County Attorney John Adams.

DISCUSS PROPOSAL FOR FUTURE OF CHARLTON COUNTY MEMORIAL HOSPITAL

County Administrator Hull introduced Tamera Baker, who will be presenting on the hospital item. County Administrator Hull stated that since they were waiting on a few people, he recommended starting with the executive session.

The board returned to this item at 5:16 PM. Juan Pulido, Rob Heekin, and Tamera Baker were all present to speak on the item.

Mr. Pulido made a presentation on his observations and recommendations about the hospital. The group proposed a need of \$250,000 for Phase 1, the cleanup, of the current hospital property. After the completion of this phase, the group would reach out to hospital groups to discuss a possible free-standing emergency room.

The board asked questions about the plan, the property, and the funding options.

Chris Smith, a guest, asked about a lien on the property.

MOTION TO ENTER EXECUTIVE SESSION TO DISCUSS PERSONNEL

Commissioner Crews motioned to enter executive session to discuss personnel. Commissioner Gowen seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Chairwoman Benefield, Commissioner Crews, Commissioner Gowen, Commissioner Jones, Commissioner Everett, County Administrator Hull, County Clerk Nettles, and Director of Administrative Services Harden entered executive session at 5:05 PM.

Chairwoman Benefield, Commissioner Crews, Commissioner Gowen, Commissioner Jones, Commissioner Everett, County Administrator Hull, County Clerk Nettles, and Director of Administrative Services Harden exited executive session at 5:15 PM.

Commissioner Gowen made a motion to exit executive session with no action taken. Commissioner Jones

seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURN

Commissioner Jones motioned to adjourn. Commissioner Gowen seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 6:02 PM.

Alphya Benefield, Chairman

Madeline Nettles, County Clerk