

CHARLTON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
PLANNING RETREAT MINUTES
ROOM 117
68 KINGSLAND DRIVE, SUITE B
FOLKSTON, GA 31537
SATURDAY, MAY 17TH, 2025
8:30 AM

5/17/2025 - Minutes

8:30 A.M. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 8:30 AM.

Present was Chairwoman Alphya Benefield, Commissioner Jesse Crews, Commissioner Luke Gowen, Commissioner Drew Jones, Commissioner James Everett, County Administrator Glenn Hull, Director of Administrative Services Rebecca Harden, Director of Infrastructure and Development Ronnie Pollock, Director of Parks and Recreation Joel Shivar, Director of Fire and Rescue CL Lewis, Walt McBride from the Carl Vinson Institute of Government, and Alicia Vaughn from the Association of County Commissioners of Georgia.

8:30 A.M. INVOCATION AND PLEDGE TO THE FLAG

Commissioner Crews led the invocation.

8:30 A.M. WHAT KIND OF CHARLTON DO WE WANT?

Mr. McBride shared a compiled list of responses from the commissioners and facilitated a discussion based on those responses.

9:15 A.M. WHAT ARE OUR STRATEGIC PRIORITIES?

The exercise yielded a list of priorities that included organization development, capital improvement, communication (with staff, elected officials, and the community), community enhancement, emergency management, infrastructure, and economic development.

9:45 A.M. BREAK

10:00 A.M. HOW DO WE GET THERE?

The group had discussion regarding priorities, goals, and action steps.

11:15 A.M. CONCLUDING STEPS AND EVALUATION

Mr. McBride will combine the responses and send notes back to the county for further review.

Mrs. Vaugh will set up a time to discuss priorities and next steps.

County Administrator Hull will review the county vision and mission statement.

ADJOURN

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

The meeting adjourned at 11:32 AM.

Alphya Benefield, Chairman

Madeline Nettles, County Clerk