

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

6/5/2025 - Minutes

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 5:00 PM.

Present was Chairwoman Alphya Benefield, Commissioner Jesse Crews, Commissioner James Everett, Commissioner Drew Jones, County Administrator Glenn Hull, County Attorney John Adams, Director of Administrative Services Rebecca Harden, and County Clerk Madeline Nettles.

Absent was Commissioner Luke Gowen.

Commissioner Everett led the invocation.

County Administrator Hull recommended the agenda be amended by the removing the 2026 SPLOST discussion.

DISCUSS RECREATIONAL FOOTBALL PROGRAM

Joel Shivar, Director of Parks and Recreation was present to discuss the item.

The recreational department has experienced significant growth over the years, with several sports doubling in size. Members of the community have approached the county about starting recreational football back. The local travel football program has ended.

The high school has already approved the recreational department using their field. Mr. Shivar is asking for \$18,000 to purchase equipment, not including game jerseys, to start the program back.

Commissioner Crews asked how many people are expected to enroll in the program, as the quotes were based on equipment needs for 100 people. Mr. Shivar stated the survey on social media about the program resulted in over 90 people interested in enrolling their child in a new program.

Commissioner Crews asked how many children would be on each team, if you have three age groups. Mr. Shivar is thinking 15-30 children a team. Commissioner Crews recommends 25 children a team.

Commissioner Crews discussed an upcoming conversation with the Bailey Brothers and asked about potential sponsorship.

Commissioner Jones asked about the timeline for the program to be operational. Mr. Shivar would like to put registrations out tomorrow through August.

Commissioner Everett asked about coaches. Mr. Shivar stated there were many interested volunteers. All coaches would have to get background checks before beginning.

County Administrator Hull recommends the board authorize to spend up to \$20,000 on equipment to start the recreational department youth football program during the regular meeting.

Commissioner Jones asked about the equipment sizing. Mr. Shivar spoke to the local travel football team and other counties to get sizing recommendations.

The youth football program registration fee would be set at \$55.

DISCUSS 2026 SPLOST

Item was removed from the agenda.

EXECUTIVE SESSION TO DISCUSS PERSONNEL

Commissioner Jones motioned to enter executive session to discuss a legal matter. Commissioner Crews seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Chairwoman Alphya Benefield, Commissioner Jesse Crews, Commissioner James Everett, Commissioner Drew Jones, County Administrator Glenn Hull, and County Attorney John Adams entered executive session at 5:12 PM. Guest Amber Martin was present as well.

Chairwoman Alphya Benefield, Commissioner Jesse Crews, Commissioner James Everett, Commissioner Drew Jones, County Administrator Glenn Hull, County Attorney John Adams, and guest Ambe Martin exited executive session at 5:44 PM. No action was taken.

ADJOURN

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

The meeting adjourned at 5:44 PM.

Alphya Benefield, Chairman

Madeline Nettles, County Clerk