

Charlton County Board of Commissioners
Workshop Meeting Minutes
Commissioners Conference Room
68 Kingsland Drive, Suite B
Folkston, Georgia 31537
Thursday, August 21st, 2025
5:00 PM

8/21/2025 - Minutes

CALL TO ORDER

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

Absent was County Attorney John Adams.

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

INVOCATION AND PLEDGE TO THE FLAG

Commissioner Everett led the invocation.

PRESENTATION FROM ABM SOLUTIONS

Greg Icard and Ray Jordan from ABM Solutions were present.

ABM solutions previously conducted a preliminary assessment on county utilities and operations to identify potential areas of savings. Those savings could be utilized for infrastructure related projects.

Mr. Icard and Mr. Jordan discussed the lease like funding structure, the ability to fund projects using SPLOST, and how the savings and price that would be quoted from ABM is guaranteed as required by law, should the county move forward with the process.

The next step is to publish a Request for Qualifications and then the Investment Grade Audit would follow. The board would like to move forward with the process.

DISCUSS BUILDING CAPACITY IN NON-PROFIT COMMUNITIES

County Administrator Hull discussed a budget amendment to provide \$5,000 in 2025 and allocate \$5,000 in 2026 to support the Historical Society for the America 250 celebration.

The board was agreeable with allocating those funds to the Charlton County Historical Society.

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 Jones, Commissioner Everett, Commissioner Gowen, County Administrator Hull, Director Harden, and County Clerk Nettles entered executive session at 5:33 PM. Kristie Reese, with GMASS, and Bill Twomey, with ACCG, were present via Zoom.

County Administrator Hull and Director Harden exited the executive session at 5:48 PM.

Chairwoman Benefield, Commissioner Crews, Commissioner Jones, Commissioner Everett, Commissioner Gowen, and County Clerk Nettles exited executive session at 5:59 PM, and disconnected the Zoom call with Mrs. Reese and Mr. Twomey.

ADJOURN

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

The meeting was adjourned at 6:00 PM.

Alphya Benefield, Chairman

Madeline Nettles, County Clerk