

MINUTES
CHARLTON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING ROOM
68 KINGSLAND DRIVE, SUITE B
FOLKSTON, GEORGIA 31537

6/20/2013 - Minutes

1. CALL TO ORDER

Those present were: Commissioners Alpha Benefield, James Everett, Jesse Crews, and John Meyer, County Administrator Al Crace, County Clerk Jenifer Nobles, HR Clerk Rebecca Brown, County Attorney Ed Skorupski, and visitors as recorded hereafter. Chairman Johnson was absent.

Commissioner Benefield called the meeting to order at 12:00 noon.

2. INVOCATION

Invocation was led by Commissioner Meyer.

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Pledge of Allegiance was led by Commissioner Meyer.

4. WELCOME VISITORS/SPECIAL GUESTS

4.I. REPORT: AMBULANCE MANUFACTURER VISIT

Scott Woodman, EMS Supervisor, reported that he and Bruce Young visited Custom Coach, proposed builder of new ambulances, and expect delivery in Mid-November.

4.II. REPORT: EMS CONSULTANTS DISCUSSION OF COLLECTIONS

Bruce Young, EMS Director, reported on visit to EMS Consultants, for discussion of collections. Mr. Young reported that the county is receiving \$312.00 per run on the average. There are minor issues with private pay, but insurance collections and medicare collections have been good. Mr. Young will come back with recommendation for collection on private pay.

Improvements to new ambulances include 2 Freightliner Class 6 ambulances, and also will house a telecommunications system where treatment will begin in the ambulance in route by sending vital signs to the facility and physician through a two way communications system.

Mr. Young also reported that he attended FEMA luncheon and gained a better understanding of FEMA regulations.

5. RECOGNITION

6. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

Commissioner Meyer made motion to approve June 20, 2013 Agenda. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Everett, Board voted; motion carried unanimously.

7. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

Commissioner Meyer made motion to approve June 4, 2013 Minutes and Executive Session Minutes. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Everett, Board voted; motion carried unanimously.

8. FINANCIAL REPORT (SECOND MEETING)

Commissioner Crews made motion to approve Financial Report as presented. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Everett, Board voted; motion carried unanimously.

9. ACTION ITEMS

9.I. ANGELA TENBROECK, TRADERS HILL FARM

Angela TenBroeck, Traders Hill Farm, was present and provided a powerpoint proposing to install a 4 Board Fence along Tracys Ferry Road and Cemetery Road. Commissioner Crews made motion to have Attorney Skorupski research the right of way and report back to the Board at the July 18, 2013 Meeting. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Meyer, Board voted; motion carried unanimously.

9.II. BIDS ON GRASSING EQUIPMENT:

Commissioner Crews made motion to award bid for a hydro seeder from Flint Equipment Co. for \$27,998. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Meyer, Board voted; motion carried unanimously.

Bid tabulation for a seed driller/crimper for grassing was received as follows:

Ag-Pro of Mershon \$9,700.00

Flint Equipment Co. \$12,600.00

Green South - no bid

Commissioner Crews made motion to award bid to Ag-Pro of Mershon for \$9,700.00. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Everett, Board voted; motion carried unanimously.

9.III. PROPOSAL: WATER SOFTENER MAINTENANCE CONTRACT

Bid tabulation was presented to the Board. Commissioner Meyer made motion to approve annual maintenance agreement for the Courthouse for \$1,250.00 per year and for the St. George EMS Building for \$780.00 per year to Conner's Plumbing. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Crews, Board voted; motion carried unanimously.

10. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

10.I. OKEFENOKEE OCCASION WITH THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY IS SET FOR TUESDAY, JANUARY 14, 2014

10.II. ACCG FALL MAGAZINE TO FEATURE SOUTHEAST GEORGIA

10.III. ROW MOWING HAS BEGUN FOR THE SEASON

11. COUNTY ATTORNEY ISSUES

12. COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS

Commissioner Everett thanked Angela Tenbroeck, Traders Hill Farm, for presentation and welcomed her to Charlton County and thanked her for the positive impact it could have on Charlton County.

Commissioner Meyer asked that an employment contract be prepared by County Attorney for County Administrator Al Crace, and stated the surprise of the number of people in attendance for the noon meeting.

13. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Steve Nance, suggested to the Board, when considering right of way for Traders Hill that DOT certification and configuration of Traders Hill properties be researched.

Joe Hannan asked Traders Hill Farm to remember the significance of the Traders Hill name (where they traded slaves) and that he appreciates the enhancements to the area.

Gloria Warren stated concerns of adding gate to Traders Hill Recreation Area and hours of operation. Mrs. Warren stated that she admires and respects the Traders Hill area and asked that flyers be distributed to the Kings Bay military families so that they, too, may visit the area. The Commissioners assured Mrs. Warren that the Board has no intentions of taking away from Charlton County residents the right to visit the river.

Dale Taylor, Surveyor asked that the Board strive to work with Traders Hill Farm on the enhancements they are trying to make.

Richard Roche asked for explanation of budget process for recreation, saddle club, and the airport.

Leola Crews told the Board that she is praying for them and that prayer is the answer.

Geraldine Crowther asked the Board why the Hospital is still on the tax bill. Mr. Crace explained the legality of the term.

Russell Wilson expressed his concerns if the Hospital closes.

Sharon Presley presented an article to the Board concerning Keiser Health News.

Commissioner Benefield informed the citizen that the Board does not have the power to close the Hospital.

14. EXECUTIVE SESSION (IF REQUIRED)

Commissioner Crews made motion to enter executive session at 1:20 p.m. to discuss personnel and possible litigation. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Everett, Board voted; motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Benefield declared the meeting open at 2:30 p.m and stated personnel and possible litigation was discussed and no action was taken.

15. ADJOURN

Commissioner Crews made motion to adjourn meeting at 2:30 p.m. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Everett, Board voted; motion carried unanimously.

16. NEXT MEETING DATE

16.I. NEXT BOC MEETING 12:00 NOON., THURSDAY, JULY 18, 2013

Wade Johnson, Chairman

Jenifer Nobles, County Clerk