

CHARLTON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
MINUTES
THURSDAY, JANUARY 6, 2022
BOC CONFERENCE ROOM
6:00 P.M.

1/6/2022 - Minutes

1. CALL TO ORDER

Those present were: Chairman James Everett, along with Commissioners Alphya Benefield, Jesse Crews, Drew Jones, and Luke Gowen; County Administrator Hampton Raulerson; County Clerk Jenifer Nobles; County Attorney John Adams; and visitors as recorded hereafter. Becky Harden was absent.

2. INVOCATION AND PLEDGE TO THE FLAG

Chairman Everett led the Invocation and Pledge to the Flag.

3. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF COUNTY OFFICIALS FOR YEAR 2022

Commissioner Benefield made motion to reappoint Commissioner Everett as Chairman for year 2022. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Crews, Board voted; motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Crews made motion to reappoint Commissioner Benefield as Vice Chairman for year 2022. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Gowen; Board voted; motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Crews made motion to reappoint John Adams as County Attorney for year 2022. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Gowen, Board voted; motion carried unanimously.

4. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

Commissioner Benefield made motion to amend agenda to include Consider Approval of Proposed Adoption of Amendment to County Ordinance and First Reading of Number of Members, Tax Assessors Board; Section 2-124. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Gowen, Board voted; motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Crews made motion to adopt January 6, 2022 Agenda to include above stated amendment. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Gowen, Board voted; motion carried unanimously.

5. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

Commissioner Crews made motion to approve December 16, 2021 Minutes. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Gowen, Board voted; motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Crews made motion to approve first reading of Proposed Adoption of Amendment to Board of Assessor's Number of members from five members to three members. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Gowen, Board voted; motion carried unanimously. Proposed Ordinance Amendment will be advertised twice in the Charlton County Herald.

6. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF 2022 BOC MEETING CALENDAR

Commissioner Benefield made motion to approve 2022 BOC Meeting Calendar. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Crews, Board voted; motion carried unanimously. Calendar becomes integral part of Minutes.

7. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF 2022 HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

Commissioner Benefield made motion to approve 2022 Holiday Schedule. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Crews, Board voted; motion carried unanimously. 2022 Holiday Schedule becomes integral part of Minutes.

8. CONSIDER BOARD APPOINTMENTS - TERMS EXPIRED 12/31/2021

Commissioner Gowen made motion to reappoint the following - terms expired 12/31/2021:
Board of Health - Cathy Stapleton
Development Authority - Mark Pickren
DEFACS - Robert Atwater
Fire Board - Orival Thompson, Jr., Mike Harris, and Jesse Crews
Library Board - Mary Kay Lindquist
Motion was seconded by Commissioner Benefield, Board voted; motion carried unanimously.

9. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF GDOT MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT

Commissioner Jones made motion to approve GDOT Memorandum of Agreement for Local Bridge Replacement Project PI0016568, CR 95/Grace Chapel Road @ Spanish Creek. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Benefield, Board voted; motion carried unanimously. County contribution includes \$75,000.00 right of way, after audit; unused portion will be returned to County. GDOT MOA becomes integral part of Minutes.

10. CONSIDER DEDICATION OF PAXTON ROAD BRIDGE

Commissioner Jones made motion approve Resolution Designating Constructed Bridge over Hatcher Branch on Paxton Road to Corbett L Nazworth. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Benefield, Board voted; motion carried unanimously. Resolution becomes integral part of Minutes.

11. CONSIDER 2022 LIAISON APPOINTMENTS

Commissioner Gowen made motion to approve 2022 Liaison Appointments:
Southern Georgia Regional Commission - Commissioner Everett
Health Board - Commissioner Benefield
Fire Board - Commissioner Crews
St. Mary's River Management Committee - Commissioner Benefield and Everett
Library Board - Commissioner Gowen and Benefield
Chamber - Commissioners Gowen and Everett
Budget Committee - Commissioner Benefield, Gowen, and Everett
Recreation Board - Commissioner Crews and Benefield
Motion was seconded by Commissioner Crews, Board voted; motion carried unanimously.

12. PUBLIC COMMENTS: (PLEASE LIMIT TO 3 MINUTES)

Elaine Bailey was present and expressed thanks to God for bringing us through thus far, and looks forward

to the Board and community working together. "Communicate together" to solve any issue in an appropriate manner. She expressed her thanks for the Board's service to the community and stated, "Let's work!"

13. COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS

Commissioner Benefield asked that everyone care for their families, and ourselves, and do our best!

14. EXECUTIVE SESSION (IF REQUIRED)

None.

15. ACKNOWLEDGE RECEIPT OF NOVEMBER, 2021 WELLNESS REPORT

The Board acknowledged receipt of November, 2021 Wellness Report.

16. NEXT BOC MEETING, THURSDAY, JANUARY 20, 2022, BOC CONFERENCE ROOM - 6:00 P.M.

17. ADJOURN

Commissioner Benefield made motion that meeting be adjourned at 6:15 p.m. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Jones, Board voted; motion carried unanimously.

James E. Everett, Chairman

Jenifer Nobles, County Clerk