

CHARLTON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
MINUTES  
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 2022  
BOC CONFERENCE ROOM  
6:00 P.M.

*2/3/2022 - Minutes*

1. CALL TO ORDER

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

2. INVOCATION AND PLEDGE TO THE FLAG

Chairman Everett led the Invocation and Pledge to the Flag.

3. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

Commissioner Benefield made motion to adopt the February 3, 2022 Agenda. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Gowen, Board voted; motion carried unanimously.

4. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

Commissioner Gowen made motion to adopt the January 20, 2022 Minutes. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Benefield, Board voted; motion carried unanimously.

5. HEAR MERRIL VARN, ST. MARYS RIVER MANAGMENT ANNUAL REPORT

Merrill Varn and Russell Barber, St. Marys River Management Committee members were present and presented the St. Marys River Management Committee 2021 Annual Report. Copy of Annual Report becomes integral part of Minutes.

6. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF MUTUAL AID AGREEMENT BETWEEN FOLKSTON ICE PROCESSING CENTER

Commissioner Jones made motion to approve Folkston ICE Processing Center Memorandum of Understanding with the Charlton County Commissioners. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Benefield, Board voted; motion carried unanimously. Copy Memorandum of Understanding becomes integral part of Minutes.

7. CONSIDER HVAC BID FOR COURTHOUSE

Bids for Courthouse HVAC were received as follows:

Sam Pickren \$8,325.49

Gantt AC \$10,500.00

Commissioner Gowen made motion to award Courthouse HVAC bid to Sam Pickren for \$8,325.49. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Benefield, Board voted; motion carried unanimously.

8. CONSIDER AWARD OF BID FOR ST. GEORGE CONCRETE FOOTER

Bids for St. George Concrete Footer were received as follows:

Albertie Contracting \$14,810.00

Gary Tippins Construction \$19,541.66

Commissioner Gowen made motion to award bid to Albertie Contracting for \$14,810.00. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Crews, Board voted; motion carried unanimously.

9. CONSIDER AWARD OF BID FOR ST. GEORGE METAL BUILDING

Bids for St. George Metal Building were received as follows:

Handi-House of St. Marys \$18,045.00

Metal Buildings and Concrete \$70,000.00 (includes footer and building)

Commissioner Crews made motion to award bid to Handi-House of St. Marys for \$18,045.00 for metal building. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Benefield, Board voted; motion carried unanimously. Building to be purchased with 2020 SPLOST funds.

10. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF ROAD DEPARTMENT PURCHASE ORDER REQUEST

Commissioner Gowen made motion to approve purchase order for sn204 motor grader repairs to Yancy Brothers for \$5073.47, to be paid through the general fund. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Jones, Board voted; motion carried unanimously.

11. ACKNOWLEDGE RECEIPT OF DECEMBER 2021 WELLNESS REPORT

The Board acknowledged receipt of December, 2021 Wellness Report.

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

Antwon Nixon and Alice Keyes (100 miles), were present and voiced concerns of mining proposal for Twin Pines. Copy of US Department of the Interior, Fish and Wildlife Service letter dated December 21, 2021 was presented to the Board. asking that the Service be allowed to work with U. S. Corps of Engineer to diligently evaluate the proposed activities to ensure the avoidance and minimization of any potential adverse impacts to one of our nation's most treasured natural areas.

Ronnie Pollock, Road Superintendent asked the Board to keep in mind what we are spending on repairs when it comes to buying new equipment.

13. COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS

Commissioner Gowen congratulated Commissioner Crews for being awarded into the Athlete Hall of Fame and State Coach of the year. Commissioner Crews expressed appreciation and stated all he has done is for the community and kids.

The Board expressed condolences to the family of Sharon Popham and appreciation for her service and employment to Charlton County for 44 years.

14. EXECUTIVE SESSION (IF REQUIRED)

None.

15. NEXT BOC MEETING, THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 17, 2022, BOC CONFERENCE ROOM, 6:00 P.M.

16. ADJOURN

Commissioner Gowen made motion that meeting be adjourned at 6:30 p.m. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Benefield, Board voted; motion carried unanimously.

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James E. Everett, Chairman

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Jenifer Nobles, County Clerk