

CHARLTON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
MINUTES  
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 17, 2022  
BOC CONFERENCE ROOM  
6:00 P.M.

2/17/2022 - Minutes

1. CALL TO ORDER

Those present were: Chairman James Everett, along with Commissioners Alpha Benefield, 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. Commissioner Crews was absent.

2. INVOCATION AND PLEDGE TO THE FLAG

Chairman Everett led the Invocation and Pledge to the Flag.

3. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

Commissioner Gowen made motion to change order of Agenda item #7 to item #6 and Item #6 to item #7. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Benefield, Board voted; motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Gowen made motion to adopt the February 17, 2022 Agenda to include above change order. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Benefield, Board voted; motion carried unanimously.

4. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

Commissioner Gowen made motion to approve February 3, 2022 Minutes. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Jones, Board voted; motion carried unanimously.

5. FINANCIAL REPORT (SECOND MEETING)

Commissioner Gowen made motion to approve Financial Report. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Benefield, Board voted; motion carried unanimously. Copy of Financial Report becomes integral part of Minutes.

6. HEAR WALDRON HAMILTON, GEORGIA DCA

Waldron Hamilton, Georgia DCA, was present and informed the Board that The Georgia Rental Assistance Program is now providing funding statewide. The funds are used to provide relief to individuals, families, and landlords whose finances have been negatively impacted during the COVID-19 pandemic. The Program is being funded through the Georgia Department of Community Affairs.

7. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF PROCLAMATION IN HONOR OF SHARON POPHAM

Commissioner Gowen made motion to approve Proclamation In Appreciation for Outstanding Public Service by Sharon Popham. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Benefield, Board voted; motion carried unanimously. Proclamation becomes integral part of Minutes.

Commissioner Gowen read and presented a framed Proclamation In Appreciation for Outstanding Public Service by Sharon Popham to the family. Members in attendance were Donahue, Doug, Donnie and

Rhonda Popham. The Board expressed condolences and appreciation for 44 years of dedication and service to Charlton County.

8. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF LETTER OF INTENT - TECHNICAL COLLEGE SYSTEM OF GA

Commissioner Gowen made motion to approve Letter of Intent - Technical College System of Georgia Lease #7773. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Benefield, Board voted; motion carried unanimously. A question concerning signage rights will need to be verified. Copy of Letter of Intent becomes integral part of Minutes.

9. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION TO SUPPORT HOUSING DEVELOPMENT

Commissioner Benefield made motion to approve Resolution in Support of Project (The Farm at Okefenokee). Motion was seconded by Commissioner Gowen, Board voted; motion carried unanimously. Copy of Resolution becomes integral part of Minutes.

10. REVIEW AND CONSIDER TRADERS HILL BATHROOMS REMODEL BID

Bidding for the second time, one bid was received from Gary Tippins for Traders Hill Bathrooms Remodel for \$49,208.60. Commissioner Jones made motion to award bid to Gary Tippins for \$49,208.60. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Benefield, Board voted; motion carried unanimously.

11. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF SCRAP TIRE AMNESTY EVENT, APRIL 4 - 8, 2022

Commissioner Gowen made motion to approve Local Government Scrap Tire Abatement Reimbursement Program Agreement Scrap Tire Amnesty Event. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Benefield, Board voted; motion carried unanimously.

12. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF ARPA FUNDS FOR REVENUE LOSS

Commissioner Benefield made motion to approve \$1,030,063.81 ARPA funds for revenue loss to the general fund. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Gowen, Board voted; motion carried unanimously.

13. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF MOTOROLA PURCHASE

Mobile Communications representatives were present, along with Sheriff Robert Phillips. Commissioner Benefield made motion to change lease purchase agreement to a purchase agreement with Motorola for 911 and CAD Equipment. This will also remove the Managed services for years 2 through 5. The purchase dollar amount for the 911 and CAD equipment is \$1,165,280.65. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Gowen, Board voted; motion carried unanimously. For more clarity, the Board agreed to table the remaining 911 package until next meeting.

14. ACKNOWLEDGE RECEIPT OF JANUARY, 2022 WELLNESS REPORT

The Board acknowledge receipt of January, 2022 Wellness Report.

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

16. COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS

The Board expressed condolences to the family of Betty Jean Johns, who formerly served as Charlton County Senior Site Manager. "She was a wonderful person inside and out".

17. EXECUTIVE SESSION (IF REQUIRED)

None.

18. NEXT BOC MEETING, THURSDAY, MARCH 3, 2022, BOC CONFERENCE ROOM - 6:00 P.M.

19. ADJOURN

Commissioner Benefield made motion to adjourn meeting at 6:55 p.m. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Gowen, Board voted; motion carried unanimously.

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James E. Everett, Chairman

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Jenifer Nobles, County Clerk