

CHARLTON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
MINUTES
THURSDAY, APRIL 7, 2022
BOC CONFERENCE ROOM
6:00 P.M.

4/7/2022 - Minutes

1. CALL TO ORDER

Those present were: Chairman James Everett, along with Commissioners Alpha Benefield, Jesse Crews, Drew Jones; County Administrator Hampton Raulerson; County Clerk Jenifer Nobles; HR Clerk Becky Harden; County Administrator John Adams; and visitors as recorded hereafter. Commissioner Gowen was not present, but participated by way of phone.

2. INVOCATION AND PLEDGE TO THE FLAG

Chairman Everett led the Invocation and Pledge to the Flag.

3. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

Commissioner Crews made motion to adopt the April 7, 2022 Agenda. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Benefield, Board voted; motion carried unanimously.

4. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

Commissioner Crews made motion to approve March 17, 2022 Minutes, Motion was seconded by Commissioner Jones, Board voted; motion carried unanimously.

5. FINANCIAL REPORT (SECOND MEETING)

None.

6. HEAR CITY OF HOMELAND, DELBERT SHELDON AND MERRILL VARN

City of Homeland Delbert Sheldon and Merrill Varn were present to discuss application for a 319 grant to replace 5 - 6 septic tanks in Homeland. As part of match for the funds, they are asking Charlton County to commit the hauling dirt needed. The plan would be to get dirt from a site in Homeland, so the haul would not be far. Commissioner Jones made motion to approve hauling of dirt, to include truck and drivers for dirt,, pending award of 319 grant. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Crews, Board voted; motion carried unanimously.

7. CONSIDER APPOINTMENT TO HEALTH BOARD

Commissioner Crews made motion to appoint Linda Bryant to Health Board, term 12/31/2021- 12/31/2027. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Gowen, Board voted; motion carried unanimously,

8. CONSIDER REAPPOINTMENT OF JOSEPH "KIP" TAYLOR, AGING COUNCIL

Commissioner Benefield made motion to reappoint Joseph "Kip" Taylor to Southern Georgia Area Agency on Aging Advisory Council Member for 3 year appointment - beginning July 1, 2022. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Gowen, Board voted; motion carried unanimously.

9. DISCUSS JOHN HARRIS BUILDING

The Board discussed John Harris Building. County Administrator Raulerson asked for guidance in plans for John Harris Building. Kim Bednarek, along with Senators Warnock and Osoff have applied for grant to help renovate John Harris Building that may be 3 - 6 months in order to hear if awarded. Total project cost could be \$5,000,000.00. Commissioner Crews stated motion was passed in 2015 when all current Commissioners were on the Board, except Commissioner Jones to take building down, in order to replace with a building that would accommodate our needs. Commissioner Crews will allow 2 months to hear from grant and the others agreed to 3 months.

10. 2022 CDBG POTENTIAL CONFLICT OF INTEREST DISCUSSION

In order to apply for 2022 CDBG, all members of Charlton County Board of Commissioners agreed there is no 2022 Potential Conflict of Interest on Eston Prescott Road, including no family or ownership of property.

11. 2022 CDBG SUBMITTAL RESOLUTION

Commissioner Jones made motion to approve Resolution to Submit an Application to Obtain FY 2022 CDBG Funds for Street Paving, Flood and Drainage Improvements. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Crews, Board voted; motion carried unanimously,

12. CONSIDER EMS SALARIES

Commissioner Crews made motion to approve moving \$75,000.00 from tax appeal line item in budget to salary line in EMS payroll line item in order to give pay increases to Paramedics and EMT's, in order to be compatible with surrounding counties pay. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Benefield, Board voted; motion carried unanimously, Currently, the department is in need of 5 Paramedics and 1 EMT.

13. RATIFY MOTOR GRADER REPAIR FOR \$9,000.00

Commissioner Crews made motion to ratify approval of motor grader repair for \$9,000.00. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Benefield, Board voted; motion carried unanimously.

14. CONSIDER BIDS FOR PURCHASE OF PIPE FOR ROAD DEPARTMENT

Bids for purchase of pipe for road department were received as follows:

Lanier Municipal \$7,667.94
Consolidated Pipe \$7,131.00
Georgia Waterworks \$6,900.00

Commissioner Crews made motion to award pipe bid to Georgia Waterworks for \$6,900.00, to be paid in road department budget. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Benefield, Board voted; motion carried unanimously.

15. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF NORTH REPEATER REPLACEMENT

Upon approval of Fire Board, Commissioner Benefield made motion to approve bid from Mobile Communications to replace old Fire Repeater for \$8,236.00 and paid from the fire department radio communications budget. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Crews, Board voted; motion carried unanimously.

16. CONSIDER PURCHASE OF 8 SCOTT AIR BOTTLES FOR FIRE DEPARTMENT

Upon approval of Fire Board, Commissioner Crews made motion to purchase 8 Scott Air Bottles for the Fire Department from Fisher Safety for \$9,640.00 and paid with 2014 fire department equipment budget. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Benefield, Board voted; motion carried unanimously.

17. ACKNOWLEDGE RECEIPT OF FEBRUARY, 2022 WELLNESS REPORT

The Board acknowledged receipt of February, 2022 Wellness Report.

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

None

19. COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS

Commissioner Benefield informed Board that she and Commissioner Crews talked to concerned citizens about purchasing property to place 10 - 15 RV's on property.

Commissioner Benefield reported that citizens are concerned about the use of Chatman Mobley Park on Easter Sunday. The Board agreed a security plan will need to be turned in to the Sheriff and approved before Easter activities will be allowed.

20. EXECUTIVE SESSION (IF REQUIRED)

Commissioner Crews made motion to enter executive session at 6:40 to discuss potential litigation. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Benefield, Board voted; motion carried unanimously.

Chairman Everett opened meeting at 6:45 p.m. Attorney Adams stated in order for County to participate in hauling dirt from someone's property, we will need an Intergovernmental Agreement.

21. NEXT BOC MEETING THURSDAY, APRIL 21, 2022 BOC CONFERENCE ROOM

22. ADJOURN

Commissioner Crews made motion that meeting be adjourned at 6:50 p.m. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Benefield, Board voted; motion carried unanimously.

James E. Everett, Chairman

Jenifer Nobles, County Clerk