

**CHARLTON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
MINUTES
THURSDAY, JUNE 3, 2021
BOC CONFERENCE ROOM
6:00 P.M.**

6/3/2021 - 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 Jones made motion to amend agenda to include the following items: Consider Increase of Fire Run Pay, Hear Lynn Murray, and Sheriff Robert Phillips. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Gowen, Board voted; motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Gowen made motion to adopt agenda to include the above amended items. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Benefield, Board voted; motion carried unanimously.

4. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

Commissioner Crews made motion to approve May 20, 2021 Minutes. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Gowen, Board voted; motion carried unanimously.

AMENDED ITEMS:

Consider Increase of Fire Run Pay - Upon unanimous vote of Fire Board recommendation, Commissioner Gowen made motion to increase fire run pay from \$10 to \$20 per run. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Benefield, Board voted; motion carried unanimously.

Hear Lynn Murray - asked the Board to waive 2019 and 2020 penalties on 2019 and 2020 taxes, due to COVID. Commissioner Gowen made motion to waive penalty for Lynn Murray's 2019 and 2020 taxes. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Benefield, Board voted; all voted yes, except Commissioner Crews voted no. Motion carried.

Hear Sheriff Robert Phillips - asked for approval to purchase 6 Dodge Durango's and 2 Dodge Chargers, to be paid with 2020 SPLOST monies. Two Estimates were considered: Enterprise Leasing and Woody Folsom Dodge. Commissioner Benefield made motion to approve the request from Sheriff Phillips to purchase 6 Dodge Durango's and 2 Dodge Chargers from Woody Folsom Dodge on state contract for 48 month payment plan and authorize Sheriff Phillips to negotiate interest rate. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Gowen, Board voted; motion carried unanimously. Total cost before interest rate is \$282,674.00. Commissioner Jones asked for verification that 2020 SPLOST monies for the Sheriff's Department have been allotted and voted on by the voters.

5. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF BORROW PIT LEASE

Borrow Pit Lease Form was discussed. Commissioner Gowen made motion that Borrow Pit Lease form be approved. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Jones, Board voted; motion carried unanimously. Borrow Pit Lease form becomes integral part of Minutes.

6. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF VARIANCE REQUEST - LUCINDA JORDAN

Variance Request from Lucinda Jordan to add a mobile home to lot size .16 acre was considered. Commissioner Crews made motion to deny request, and refund the \$100.00 fee.

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

None.

8. COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS

Commissioner Benefield thanked the Sheriff's Department "I can see" the difference the Sheriff's Department is doing in helping to work and clean up.

Commissioner Benefield thanked the Road Department for excellent job in the Settlers Village area.

Road Superintendent Pollock informed the Board that Gibson Post Road Bridge has been painted and Suwannee Canal Road is being re-seeded.

9. EXECUTIVE SESSION (IF REQUIRED)

Commissioner Benefield made motion to go into executive session at 6:45 p.m. to discuss ongoing claim. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Gowen, Board voted; motion carried unanimously.

Chairman Everett opened meeting at 6:50 p.m. and stated ongoing claim was discussed and no action was taken.

Commissioner Crews made motion to authorize Attorney Adams to submit payment for \$8,800.16 to Georgia Southern for payment of training for Jonathan Chancy. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Benefield, Board voted; motion carried unanimously.

10. NEXT BOC MEETING, THURSDAY, JUNE 17, 2021, ST. GEORGE COMMUNITY ROOM, 6:00 P.M.
The Board of Commissioners agreed to change meeting location on Thursday, June 17, 2021 from St. George to Folkston, BOC Conference Room.

11. ADJOURN

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

James E. Everett, Chairman

Jenifer Nobles, County Clerk