

CHARLTON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

THURSDAY, JULY 15, 2021

BOC CONFERENCE ROOM

6:00 P.M.

7/15/2021 - 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; 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 Crews made motion to amend agenda after # 5 to include Discuss County Ordinance Litigation. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Gowen, Board voted; motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Gowen made motion to adopt the July 15, 2021 Agenda to include the above amendment. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Benefield, Board voted; motion carried unanimously.

4. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

Commissioner Gowen made motion to approve July 1, 2021 Minutes. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Crews, Board voted; motion carried unanimously.

5. FINANCIAL REPORT (SECOND MEETING)

Commissioner Crews made motion to approve Financial Report. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Benefield, Board voted; motion carried unanimously.

AGENDA AMENDMENT -

A. Discuss County Ordinance Litigation - Attorney Adams advised the Board that an Attorney would need to be appointed to hear county ordinance violations that would then be presented to the Magistrate Court. Attorney Adams recommended Attorney Matt Eunice (Attorneys for City of Folkston and Homeland), costs would be approximately \$300.00 per quarter; Commissioner Benefield made motion to appoint Attorney Matt Eunice to serve this position. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Gowen, Board voted; motion carried unanimously.

6. HEAR WENDY LEE, BOARD OF EQUALIZERS DISCUSSION

Based on the need to gather more information, and recommendation of County Administrator Raulerson, Wendy Lee did not attend meeting. The Board discussed the need for appointment of Board of Equalizers members. There are three (3) members and two (2) alternate members. They are required to have 40 hours of training. The Board may need to partner with other Counties, in order to hear back log of hearings; but will need more information before making this decision.

7. PERSONNEL POLICY UPDATE - DISCUSS PTO

Commissioner Crews asked that PTO time for employees be added back to the next agenda, in order to talk to department heads concerning new policy.

8. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF FENCE BID FOR ST. GEORGE DUMP AREA

Clyde Nettles Fencing declined the acceptance of bid for St. George Dump Area. Commissioner Crews made motion to award fence bid to T&T Fencing Company, Inc., which was second lowest bid. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Benefield, Board voted; motion carried unanimously.

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

Cheryl McMillan commented that she appreciates the Board looking into PTO policy for county employees, because she didn't know anything about it until someone called her, because they saw it in the paper.

10. COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS

11. EXECUTIVE SESSION (IF REQUIRED)

Commissioner Gowen made motion to enter executive session at 6:20 p.m. to discuss potential litigation. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Benefield, Board voted; motion carried unanimously.

Chairman Everett opened meeting at 6:45 p.m. and stated potential litigation was discuss in executive session and no action was taken.

12. NEXT BOC MEETING, THURSDAY, AUGUST 5, 2021, BOC CONFERENCE ROOM, 6:00 P.M.

13. ADJOURN

Commissioner Crews made motion that meeting be adjourned at 6:45 p.m. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Gowen, Board voted; motion carried unanimously.

James E. Everett, Chairman

Jenifer Nobles, County Clerk