

CHARLTON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

MINUTES

THURSDAY, AUGUST 4, 2022

BOC CONFERENCE ROOM

6:00 P.M.

1. CALL TO ORDER
Those present were: Commissioners James Everett, Vice-Chairman Alpha Benefield, Jesse Crews, Drew Jones and Luke Gowen; County Administrator Hampton Raulerson, Finance Clerk Becky Harden, County Attorney John Adams, and visitors recorded hereafter. County Clerk Jenifer Nobles was absent. Finance Clerk Becky Harden took the minutes of the meeting in Mrs. Nobles absence.
2. INVOCATION AND PLEDGE TO THE FLAG
James Everett led the Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.
3. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA
Commissioner Benefield made motion to adopt the August 4, 2022 agenda. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Gowen, Board voted; motion carried unanimously.
4. ADOPTION OF MINUTES
Commissioner Gowen made motion to adopt the July 7, 2022 minutes. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Jesse Crews, Board voted; motion carried unanimously.
5. FINANCIAL REPORT (SECOND MEETING)
Commissioner Gowen made motion to adopt the June 2022 financial report. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Crews, Board voted; motion carried unanimously.
6. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF 2022 LEGISLATIVE LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE VOTING DELEGATE
Commissioner Jones made motion to approve Commissioner Everett as the voting delegate. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Benefield, Board voted; motion carried unanimously.
7. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF INSURANCE BROKER FIRM
Commissioner Gowen made motion to retain the services of NFP as the insurance broker. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Benefield; Board voted; motion carried unanimously.
8. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF SOCCER GOALS PURCHASE FOR RECREATION DEPARTMENT
Commissioner Crews made motion to approve purchase of soccer goals in the amount of \$8,270 from BSN Sports to be paid from Recreation Service Account. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Benefield, Board voted; motion carried unanimously.
9. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF AC BID FOR STORAGE FACILITY AT EMS BUILDING
Commissioner Benefield made motion to approve purchase of AC from Dixie Air in the amount of \$7,250 to be paid from 2020 SPLOST Administration. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Gowen, Board voted; motion carried unanimously.
10. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF PURCHASE FOR ALUMINUM WORK PLATFORM WITH GATE
Commissioner Jones made motion to table until more information could be obtained. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Crews, Board voted; motion carried unanimously.
11. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF PURCHASE ORDER REQUEST FOR SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT – Mobile Communication \$5291.50
Commissioner Gowen made motion to approve purchase to be paid from 2020 SPLOST Sheriff. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Benefield, Board voted; motion carried unanimously.
12. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF APPLICATION FOR PURCHASE ORDER BIDS - FEI GEORGIA WATERWORKS - \$9,187.50
Commissioner Jones made motion to approve purchase of pipes from FEI-Georgia Waterworks in the amount of \$9187.50 plus an additional \$12,311.40 to purchase 60, 60*20 pipes needed by Road Department. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Benefield, Board voted; motion carried unanimously.

13. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF RAPID RESPONSE VEHICLE PURCHASE FOR EMS
Commissioner Jones made motion to approve purchase of vehicle from Wade Ford Government Sales in the amount of \$38,871 to be paid from 2020 SPLOST EMS. This is on state contract. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Benefield, Board voted; motion carried unanimously.
14. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF VARIANCE REQUEST FROM TOMMY & MARSHA RODDENBERRY
Commissioner Crews made motion to approve variance request. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Benefield, Board voted; motion carried unanimously.
15. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF PETITION FROM LUKE GOWEN, ROAD ABANDONMENT PORTION OF HAROLD WHITE ROAD
Commissioner Gowen recused himself during discussion. Board gave approval for County Administrator to proceed with process of advertising to surplus and abandon.
16. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF LOST NEGOTIATIONS
Commissioner Benefield made motion to approve LOST Negotiations as presented with current percentages. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Crews, Board voted; motion carried unanimously. The two cities must also approve at their next monthly meeting.
17. DISCUSS COMMUNITY BROADBAND ORDINANCE
 - A. DISCUSS RIVER CORRIDOR ORDINANCE
 - B. DISCUSS GROUND WATER RECHARGE ORDINANCE
 - C. DISCUSS WETLANDS ORDINANCEThe Board received information on the ordinances for review and discussion. Decision on whether or not to approve can be decided at a later date after more information is obtained.
18. ACKNOWLEDGE RECEIPT OF JUNE, 2022 WELLNESS REPORT
19. PUBLIC COMMENTS: (PLEASE LIMIT TO 3 MINUTES)

Citizen Clifton Knowles from Forest Lake came before the Board for clarification of the current assessment notice that he received. Mr. Knowles was advised that the millage rate would likely be reduced based on the tax digest however his taxes may not decrease if his value increased. He was advised if he disagreed with the value to file an appeal with the Tax Assessor's Office before the deadline.

Gary Tippins brought up the ordinances on the agenda and noted how difficult it will be to enforce given the lack of man power.

Road Superintendent Ronnie Pollock stated the Road Department is in good shape.
20. COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS
Commissioner Benefield thanked the staff and the Budget Committee for their work on the 2023 budget.
21. EXECUTIVE SESSION (IF REQUIRED)
Commissioner Gowen made motion to enter Executive Session at 6:35 p.m. to discuss acquisition of real property. No action was taken.
22. NEXT BOC MEETING, THURSDAY, AUGUST 18, 2022, BOC CONFERENCE ROOM - 6:00 P.M.
23. ADJOURN
Commissioner Benefield made motion to adjourn meeting at 6:38 p.m. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Gowen, Board voted; motion carried unanimously.

James E. Everett Chairman

Rebecca Harden, Acting Clerk in absence of Clerk Jenifer Nobles