

CHARLTON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
THURSDAY, JANUARY 5, 2023  
BOC CONFERENCE ROOM  
6:00 P.M.

1/5/2023 - Minutes

1. CALL TO ORDER

Those present were: Chairman Jesse Crews, along with Commissioners Alpha Benefield, James Everett, 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

Commissioner Everett led the Invocation and Pledge to the Flag.

3. CONSIDER 2023 APPOINTMENTS

Commissioner Gowen made motion to appoint Commissioner Crews as Chairman. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Benefield, Board voted; motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Gowen made motion to reappoint Commissioner Benefield as Vice Chairman. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Everett, Board voted; motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Benefield made motion to reappoint Attorney John Adams as Attorney. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Gowen, Board voted; motion carried unanimously.

The Board thanked Commissioner Everett for time served as Chairman.

Commissioner Crews asked that the following suggestion be noted:

All motions will be made and seconded before discussion, Once seconded, motion can be discussed or backed off, all members will vote by saying yes, no, or abstain, phones will be put on silent, if texting is necessary, then member shall do so by excusing themselves and then going in the hall so as not to disturb the meeting.

4. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

Commissioner Everett made motion to adopt the January 5, 2023 Agenda. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Benefield, Board voted; motion carried unanimously.

5. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

Commissioner Gowen made motion to adopt the December 15, 2022 Minutes. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Everett, Board voted; motion carried unanimously.

6. CONSIDER BOARD RE-APPOINTMENTS

Commissioner Jones made motion to reappoint Jesse Crews to the Fire Board, term ending 12/31/2023. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Benefield, Board voted; motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Jones made motion to reappoint Andy Gowen to the Development Authority, term ending

12/31/26. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Gowen, Board voted; motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Jones made motion to reappoint Annette Dell to the DEFACS Board, term ending 12/31/27. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Benefield, Board voted; motion carried unanimously.

7. CONSIDER APPROVAL 2023 MEETING CALENDAR AND HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

Commissioner Gowen made motion to approve 2023 Meeting Calendar and Holiday Schedule. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Benefield, Board voted; motion carried unanimously. Calendar and Schedule become integral part of Minutes.

8. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF VARIANCE REQUEST FOR NATASHA MAXWELL

After discussion with Natasha Maxwell, the Board agreed if 3' of property can be purchased from neighbor, mobile home placement will not be a problem. Commissioner Everett made motion to table approval for variance, hearing no motion to second, motion died. Commissioner Gowen made motion to deny request for approval of variance for Natasha Maxwell. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Benefield, all Commissioners voted yes, except Commissioner Everett voted no. Motion carried.

9. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION FOR THE ADOPTION OF A LANGUAGE ACCESS PLAN (LAP)

Commissioner Jones made motion to approve Resolution for the Adoption of A Language Access Plan. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Gowen, Board voted; motion carried unanimously. Resolution and Plan become integral part of Minutes.

10. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF 2023 LMIG APPLICATION

Commissioner Benefield made motion to approve 2023 LMIG Application. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Jones, Board voted; motion carried unanimously. The Board agreed that Carter Community Road be added to list for striping and any overage will come out of TSLOST funds. Application becomes integral part of Minutes.

11. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF ABATEMENT AND DEMOLITION SERVICES

Bids for Abatement and Demolition Services for John Harris Building were received as follows:

American Logistics International - \$160,436.00  
Eagle Demolition & Environmental - \$196,110.00  
Complete Demolition Services - \$244,000.00  
Kelley's Southern Land Clearing - \$364,780.00  
ERS Corporation - \$370,000.00  
Stetson Development Company - \$485,935.00  
S&W Farms - Bid Packet Incomplete

Commissioner Jones made motion to award bid to American Logistics International for \$160,436.00. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Benefield, Board voted; motion carried unanimously.

12. ACKNOWLEDGE RECEIPT OF NOVEMBER, 2022 WELLNESS REPORT

The Board acknowledged receipt of November, 2022 Wellness Report.

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

14. COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS

Commissioner Crews thanked the Sheriff, Road Superintendent, County Attorney and Charlton County Herald for attending meetings.

Commissioner Gowen thanked Mr. Everett for serving role as Chairman and Mrs. Benefield for role as Vice Chairman. He expressed thanks to everyone and feels as a whole the County is doing great. He feels that Mr. Raulerson is doing a great job.

Commissioner Jones expressed thanks to everyone and expressed appreciation for moving forward with demolition of John Harris Building - Even though she is no longer with us, "My Grandmother would love to see it torn down".

Commissioner Everett stated that he feels everyone is doing a great job and also glad the Board was able to lower millage rate this year.

Commissioner Benefield stated appreciation to the County for allowing her to serve the last few years, and reported that she had contacted Representative Corbett and asked that he pay attention to salary increase mandates for smaller counties. Mrs. Benefield asked everyone to safe and well, and stated that China virus is in Charlton County. Do what you can for the flu, and get small children tested for allergies.

Commissioner Crews thanked Mr. Everett for serving as Chairman, and thanked the Board for their vote of confidence. Commissioner Crews suggested rotating the role of Chairman and Vice Chairman every year.

15. EXECUTIVE SESSION (IF REQUIRED)

None.

16. NEXT BOC MEETING, THURSDAY, JANUARY 19, 2023, BOC CONFERENCE ROOM - 6:00 P.M.

17. ADJOURN

Commissioner Benefield made motion to adjourn meeting at 6:35 p.m. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Gowen, Board voted; motion carried unanimously.

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Jesse Crews, Chairman

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Jenifer Nobles, County Clerk