

CHARLTON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
MINUTES
THURSDAY, JANUARY 19, 2023
BOC CONFERENCE ROOM
6:00 P.M.

1/19/2023 - 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 Benefield led the Invocation and Commissioner Crews led the Pledge to the Flag.

3. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

Commissioner Jones made motion to adopt the January 19, 2023 Agenda. Motion was seconded by Mr. Gowen, Board voted; motion carried unanimously.

4. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

Commissioner Gowen made motion to approve the January 5, 2023 Minutes. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Everett, Board voted; motion carried unanimously.

5. FINANCIAL REPORT

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

6. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ADOPTION OF CHARLTON COUNTY HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN

Commissioner Benefield made motion to approve Resolution Authorizing Adoption of Charlton County Mitigation Plan. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Everett, Board voted; motion carried unanimously. Resolution becomes integral part of Minutes.

7. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF "ON CALL" ARCHITECTURAL FIRM

Administrator Raulerson reported that he had received 4 potential responses for 'On Call Architectural Services'. Commissioner Gowen made motion to award proposal to Jim Ingram of Studio 8. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Benefield, Board voted; motion carried unanimously. Mr. Raulerson will contact Studio 8 for potential services for the Bend Fire Station building and report back to the Board.

8. CONSIDER REAPPOINTMENT OF TERESA HAMILTON TO BOARD OF ELECTIONS

Commissioner Benefield made motion to reappoint Teresa Hamilton to the Board of Elections for a 4 year term, ending 12/31/2026. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Jones, Board voted; motion carried

unanimously.

9. CONSIDER APPOINTMENT OF NANCY BROOKS TO THE BOARD OF HEALTH

Commissioner Gowen made motion to appoint Nancy Brooks to serve on the Board of Health for a 6 year term ending 12/31/2028. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Everett, Board voted; motion carried unanimously.

10. CONSIDER APPROVAL FINAL PLAT FOR CANEY CREEK DEVELOPMENT

Commissioner Jones made motion to approve Final Plat for Caney Creek Development. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Everett, Board voted; motion carried unanimously. Plat becomes integral part of Minutes.

11. CONSIDER ACCEPTANCE OF RIGHT OF WAY FOR CANEY CREEK

Commissioner Gowen made motion to accept right of way for Caney Creek, subject to Attorney Adams final approval, and verifying road has been developed according to county standard. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Benefield, Board voted; motion carried unanimously.

12. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF FINAL PLAT FOR FARM AT OKEFENOKEE

Commissioner Gowen apprised Board that he will abstain from voting, due to possible conflict of interest (Doug Davis, client of Commissioner Gowen). Commissioner Benefield made motion to approve Final Plat for Farm at Okefenokee. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Everett, Board voted; motion carried unanimously. In reference to lots being less than 1 acre, the Board was notified that lots will be served by community water system. Flood study was provided on survey of property and guideline protection will be referenced on plat and will be required per covenant and restrictions. Lots were laid out according to topography drainage over and flow 3" higher than natural grade. Gave preliminary as 125 lots. Current plat includes 24 lots, once completed; will come back with second plat. Plat becomes integral part of Minutes.

13. ACKNOWLEDGE RECEIPT OF DECEMBER, 2022 WELLNESS REPORT

The Board acknowledged receipt of December, 2022 Wellness Report.

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

Sheriff Phillips gave update of enhanced 911 system and stated system is on schedule. Sheriff Phillips asked the Board to consider purchase of cameras and computers, to be used with enhanced 911 system. Mr. Raulerson asked the Sheriff to provide final proposal for the Board's consideration.

15. COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS

Commissioner Benefield asked everyone to pay attention to family and children, especially respiratory ailments.

16. EXECUTIVE SESSION (IF REQUIRED)

Commissioner Gowen made motion to enter executive session at 6:30 p.m. to discuss pending litigation. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Benefield, Board voted; motion carried unanimously.

Chairman Crews opened meeting at 6:35 p.m. and stated pending litigation was discuss in executive session and no action was taken.

17. NEXT BOC MEETING, THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 2023 - BOC CONFERENCE ROOM 6:00 P.M.

18. ADJOURN

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

Jesse Crews, Chairman

Jenifer Nobles, County Clerk