

CHARLTON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
MINUTES  
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 15, 2018  
BOC CONFERENCE ROOM  
6:00 P.M.

2/15/2018 - Minutes

1. CALL TO ORDER

Those present were: Chairman James Everett, along with Commissioners Alpha Benefield, Jesse Crews, Ronnie Pollock, 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 Benefield made motion to amend agenda to include the following:

A. Consider Purchase Order Request - Road Department - pipes - \$24,972.00

B. Hear Bruce Young - FEMA Hazard Mitigation Application

C. Hear Bruce Young - GEMA Hazard Mitigation Grant - One (1) Generator

Motion was seconded by Commissioner Gowen, Board voted; motion carried unanimously.

4. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

Commissioner Gowen made motion to approve February 1, 2018 Minutes. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Crews, to approve after changing name from Jay Roberts to Brent Blocker. Board voted; motion carried unanimously.

The Board introduced and welcomed County Administrator Hampton Raulerson.

5. FINANCIAL REPORT (SECOND MEETING)

Commissioner Crews made motion to approve Financial Report. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Gowen, Board voted; motion carried unanimously. Commissioner Gowen asked for prior year balances, also.

6. HEAR CONCERNED CITIZENS - SETTLERS VILLAGE

Greg and Victoria Amburgy were present and voiced concerns at 45 Colonial Way (Settlers Village):

Drainage is forming huge retention pond and getting close to septic tank and causing frogs and mosquitos. Water is at the entrance and exit of subdivision, ditch is all the way around the subdivision, no culverts in some areas. Culverts that are there need to be cleaned out, concern for children playing; because of all the water. Please consider paving or something else on the road.

Roy Berry and Dartha Campbell were also present and asked that retention pond be cleaned out near the Whigam's.

Jed Knowles, Road Superintendent, was present and stated that the road department will address the culvert issue.

7. HEAR MERRILL VARN, ST. MARYS RIVER MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE REPORT

Merrill Varn, St. Mary's River Management Representative, presented annual report to the Board. Mrs. Varn updated the Board on the most recent fecal coliform data on Spanish Creek, asked the Board to reconvene the task force and resume the work started in 2017 so that a coastal incentive grant can be filed this year. Copy of Report becomes integral part of Minutes.

8. HEAR C. L. LEWIS - AFG GRANT

Commissioner Gowen made motion to approve request from Fire Chief Lewis to apply for grant to purchase smoke detectors, and carbon monoxide monitors for Senior Citizens and educational packets to be distributed at Head Start for fire and life safety for a total of \$8,560.00; with county match of \$428.00. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Benefield, Board voted; motion carried unanimously.

Amended agenda items included as follows:

A. Purchase Order Request - culvert pipes - \$24,972.00

Commissioner Gowen made motion to approve purchase order request for \$24,972.00 to Ferguson Waterworks for the road department. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Crews, Board vote; motion carried unanimously.

B. Hear Bruce Young - FEMA Hazard Mitigation Application

Commissioner Crews made motion to approve FEMA Hazard Mitigation Application for Newell Road and culverts. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Benefield, Board voted; motion carried unanimously.

C. Hear Bruce Young - GEMA Hazard Mitigation Grant Application - One (1) Generator

Commissioner Gowen made motion to approve grant application for purchase of one (1) generator for \$52,500.00, county share EMA Budget for \$7,875.00 Motion was seconded by Commissioner Benefield, Board voted; motion carried unanimously.

Jed Knowles, Road Superintendent reported that the road department will need to find trappers for beaver problem near Sharon Prescotts residence.

9. DISCUSS PROJECT ESTIMATE - EMS PARKING LOT

Commissioner Benefield made motion to approve paving of EMS Parking Lot for \$42,577.08, to be paid with EMS Funds. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Crews, Board voted; motion carried unanimously.

10. DISCUSS AMENDMENT TO PERSONNEL POLICY - HOLIDAY

Commissioner Benefield made motion to approve amendment to personnel policy to include holiday for "Good Friday" and notify all county departments of amendment. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Crews, Board voted; motion carried unanimously.

11. WELLNESS REPORT- JANUARY, 2018

The Board acknowledged receipt of the wellness report.

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

Calvin Morton, 60 Briarwood Road asked the Board to consider paving Briarwood Road.

Gary Tippins was the only contractor to attend St. George Fire Station walk-thru. Bids will be due February

21, 2018 at 5:00 p.m.

13. COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS

Commissioner Benefield reported that she had received complaint concerning permit office. After research with Sarah Reynolds in the permit office, it was found to be 100% efficient. Mrs. Benefield stated that all future complaints need to be investigated and reported back to citizens.

Elaine Todd, Chief Appraiser explained proposed HB concerning FLPA to the Board.

Jed Knowles informed the Board the need for a loader and excavator. The Board asked that cost estimates be provided for the Board's consideration.

Commissioner Gowen thanked all in attendance.

The BOC attended ribbon cutting at tennis courts and expressed appreciation to the City of Folkston and School Board for joint venture.

Commissioner Everett asked support of TSPLOST on May 22, 2018 Ballot.

14. EXECUTIVE SESSION (IF REQUIRED)

Commissioner Crews made motion to enter executive session at 7:00 p.m. to discuss personnel and real estate. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Gowen, Board voted; motion carried unanimously.

Chairman Everett opened meeting at 7:15 p.m. and stated that personnel and real estate was discussed in executive session and no action was taken.

Based on Becky Harden and Jenifer Nobles covering the office for 6 weeks without a County Administrator, Commissioner Crews made motion to compensate both ladies \$250.00 each pay period for a total of \$1,500.00 each. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Gowen, Board voted; motion carried unanimously.

The Board of Commissioner congratulated Becky Harden on completion of Finance Officers Level II.

15. NEXT BOC MEETING, 6:00 P.M. MARCH 1, 2018, BOC CONFERENCE ROOM

16. ADJOURN

Commissioner Crews made motion to adjourn meeting at 7:20 p.m. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Benefield, Board voted; motion carried unanimously.

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James E. Everett, Chairman

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Jenifer Nobles, County Clerk