

CHARLTON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 16, 2023
BOC CONFERENCE ROOM
6:00 P.M.

2/16/2023 - 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 Pledge to the Flag.

3. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

Commissioner Gowen made motion to adopt the February 16, 2023 Agenda. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Everett, Board voted; motion carried unanimously.

4. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

Commissioner Gowen made motion to adopt the February 2, 2023 Minutes. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Jones, Board voted; motion carried unanimously.

5. FINANCIAL REPORT (SECOND MEETING)

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

6. HEAR MERRILL VARN, ST. MARYS RIVER COMMITTEE ANNUAL REPORT

Merrill Varn, St. Marys River Committee was present and presented annual report. Copy of report becomes integral part of Minutes.

7. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF ARPA, LATCF AND SPLOST BUDGET

The Board discussed ARPA, LATCF and SPLOST fund budgets, as previously discussed in last meeting, and determined all projects can be funded. Commissioner Everett made motion to adopt package that was presented, with the understanding that package can be amended. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Benefield, Board voted; motion carried unanimously. The Board asked that updated agreement for Sheriff and Clerk of Court projects be submitted to the Board next meeting for approval. Proposed Package becomes integral part of Minutes.

8. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF AN ORDINANCE FOR A BROADBAND READY COMMUNITY

After hearing no comments from the Public, second reading and advertisements, Commissioner Gowen made motion to adopt Ordinance for A Broadband Ready Community for Charlton County. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Jones, Board voted; motion carried unanimously. Copy of Ordinance becomes

integral part of Minutes.

9. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF RIVER CORRIDOR ORDINANCE

After hearing no comments from the Public, second reading and advertisements, Commissioner Benefield made motion to adopt River Corridor Ordinance. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Everett, Board voted; motion carried unanimously. Copy of River Corridor Ordinance becomes integral part of Minutes.

10. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF MUTUAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN FOLKSTON ICE AND CHARLTON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Commissioner Jones made motion to approve Mutual Agreement Between Folkston ICE and Charlton County Commissioners. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Benefield, Board voted; motion carried unanimously. Copy of Mutual Agreement becomes integral part of Minutes.

11. CONSIDER REAPPOINTMENT TO CHARLTON COUNTY RECREATION BOARD

Commissioner Jones made motion to reappoint Alpha Benefield and Jesse Crews to the Recreation Board, term expiring 02/28/2025. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Gowen, Board voted; motion carried unanimously.

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

Wendy Whitaker Lee expressed appreciation to the Board for realizing importance of proposed project in the Clerk of Court's office for scanning and indexing of records.

13. COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS

The Board expressed appreciation to Road Department, EMS, VFD and Sheriff's Department for service to Charlton County.

14. EXECUTIVE SESSION (IF REQUIRED)

Commissioner Gowen made motion to enter executive session at 6:40 p.m. to discuss personnel. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Everett, Board voted; motion carried unanimously.

Chairman Crews opened meeting at 7:00 p.m. and stated personnel was discussed in executive session and no action was taken.

Commissioner Benefield made motion that the Board has determined that Hearing Office recommendation, in regard to Miranda Pickett, was appropriate and final. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Jones, Board voted; motion carried unanimously.

15. ACKNOWLEDGE RECEIPT OF JANUARY 2023 WELLNESS MONTHLY PROGRESS REPORT

The Board acknowledged receipt of January 2023 Wellness Monthly Progress Report.

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

17. ADJOURN

Commissioner Benefield made motion that meeting be adjourned at 7:00 p.m. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Gowen, Board voted; motion carried unanimously.

Jesse A. Crews, Chairman

Jenifer Nobles, County Clerk