

CHARLTON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
MINUTES
THURSDAY, MARCH 2, 2023
BOC CONFERENCE ROOM
6:00 P.M.

3/2/2023 - 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; County Attorney John Adams; and visitors as recorded hereafter. HR Clerk Becky Harden was absent.

2. INVOCATION AND PLEDGE TO THE FLAG

Commissioner Everett led the Invocation and Pledge to the Flag.

3. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

Commissioner Benefield made motion to adopt the March 2, 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 16, 2023 Minutes. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Jones, Board voted; motion carried unanimously.

5. CONSIDER KOFILE PROPOSAL FOR CLERK OF COURT OFFICE

Wendy Lee, Clerk of Court and Brad Crane were present with Kofile Proposal for Imaging and Indexing records in the Clerk of Courts office, as discussed in last meeting. Commissioner Jones made motion to approve Kofile Proposal for \$457,936.00, to be paid with ARPA funds. Proposal dated 01/04/2023 becomes integral part of Minutes.

6. CONSIDER MOTOROLA PROPOSAL FOR SHERIFFS DEPARTMENT

Robert Phillips, Sheriff and Motorola Representatives were present to discuss Motorola Solutions Proposal as discussed in last meeting. Commissioner Benefield made motion to approve proposal for equipment, installation and services for \$457,961.86, to be paid as follows - \$332,961.86 LATCF funds and \$125,000.00 SPLOST funds. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Everett, Board voted. Commissioner Jones voted no. Motion carried. Motorola Proposal dated February 15, 2023 becomes integral part of Minutes.

7. DISCUSS ADJUSTING TRADERS HILL RENTAL PRICES

Based on improvements at Traders Hill Campgrounds, Commissioner Jones made motion to approve the following fee proposal, effective July 1, 2023:

RV Full Hookup \$35.00
RV Power and Water Hookup \$30.00
Tent Site with Power \$20.00
Primitive Tent Site \$10.00

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

8. CONSIDER T MOBILE LEASE AGREEMENT

Commissioner Gowen made motion to approve T Mobile Lease Agreement for St. George Cellular Tower. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Jones, Board voted; motion carried unanimously. T Mobile Lease Agreement becomes integral part of Minutes.

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

Robert Phillips, Sheriff thanked the Board for approval of Equipment proposal.

Sharon Presley addressed the Board concerning Okefenokee Heritage designation (World Heritage Park). Mrs. Presley expressed concerns and the Commissioners asked Mr. Raulerson to find out more information, and possibly asking Kim Bednarek to attend next meeting.

Wendy Lee, Clerk of Court thanked the Board for approval of funds for imaging and indexing records in the Clerk of Courts office.

10. COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS

Commissioner Gowen thanked everyone present and community involvement. Mr. Gowen stated that he feels that everyone is working well as a whole, and he is proud of where he is from - Charlton County.

Commissioner Jones seconded Mr. Gowen's remarks and stated he takes pride in Charlton County and the people.

Commissioner Everett also expressed appreciation.

Commissioner Benefield thanked the Sheriff for helping keep Charlton County clean.

Commissioner Crews stated he has served on the Board for 26 years and feels that this Board is working together and supports each other. He thanked Road Superintendent, Fire Department, Charlton County Herald, and also congratulated our Basketball team - has gone farther in playoffs than any team ever has. He asked that a Resolution be prepared in their honor.

Commissioner Gowen also thanked Mr. Raulerson for the job he is doing.

11. EXECUTIVE SESSION (IF REQUIRED)

None.

12. NEXT BOC MEETING, THURSDAY, MARCH 16, 2023 - ST. GEORGE COMMUNITY ROOM, 6:00 P.M.

13. ADJOURN

Commissioner Benefield made motion that meeting be adjourned at 6:30 p.m. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Gowen, Board voted; motion carried unanimously.

Jenifer Nobles, County Clerk